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The "China Mail" is reliably informed that the Central Government has obtained a loan amounting to $60,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) from different banks in Hong Kong.

The loan, it is learned, is covered by acceptable security and was negotiated through one of the local Chinese Government banks.

JAPAN REJECTS MILITARY PACT WITH THE 'AXIS'

Tokyo, To-day.

It is indicated by well-informed Japanese political quarters that Japan is not likely to enter into any extension of the anti-Comintern Pact which involves a military alliance.

Overtures in this direction are reported to have been made by German and Italian diplomatic representatives, but the opinion which seems to prevail in Government circles centres round the fact that Japan has not yet abandoned hopes of restoring good relations with Britain and the United States.

It is pointed out that definite military alliance with Germany and Italy would only arouse further hostility from powers with strong naval forces. — Our Own Correspondent.

London, To-day.

The action of the British Government in placing H.M.S. Devonshire at the disposal of General Franco's emissaries, seeking peaceful surrender of Minorca to the insurgent leader, has caused much comment.

Minorca is already blockaded by General Franco's fleet, but the island is so strongly fortified that an attack would undoubtedly be very costly, both in ships and men.

Britain's action was dictated by a desire to reduce bloodshed to a minimum, and, unofficially, strenuous efforts are continuing in the hope of arranging a truce which will cover the whole of Spain.

France is joining in the endeavour and this fact has aroused hostile comment in Rome, where it is regarded as an attempt by France to sabotage General Franco's victory.

Meanwhile, foreign correspondents state that the Republicans are still showing fight round Figueras. Suggestions that the troops are retreating in complete disorder are without foundation.

The rearguard is fighting magnificently in defence of Figueras, and those troops crossing the frontier into France are maintaining good order and discipline.

FRANCO'S ASSURANCE

The Paris "Soir" says that if the attempt to secure Minorca's capitulation fails, General Franco has given an assurance that, making Minorca his next point of attack, he will use only Spanish troops and will not use Italians.

It is significant that Italian troops have already been taken out of the fighting in Catalonia.

TROOPS CROSSING FRONTIER

Paris, To-day.

Following the bombardment of Puigcerda by the Nationalists, the town has been evacuated, according to despatches here from Perpignan, which state that militiamen with upwards of 200 guns of various calibres have reached the French frontier village, Bourgmadame, and that eight brigades are expected there.

All troops after being disarmed, will be marched to a camp at Argeles-sur-Mer. Some 30,000 militiamen are expected to cross the frontier at Prats de Mollo this morning from Olot, which they have already evacuated.

The 9th and 11th regiments of the International Brigade arrived at Le Perthus yesterday with numerous heavy guns.

At Cerbere, sixty railway vans containing war material arrived yesterday, thus bringing the total number drawn up at the international station there to 260. These vans are guarded by French soldiers.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH WARSHIPS IN COLLISION

Paris, To-day.

Three French sailors killed, fourteen seriously injured, some slightly injured and nine missing, is the toll of a collision in the Atlantic between the French cruiser, "Georges Leygues," and the torpedo-boat - destroyer, "Bison," which occurred during manoeuvres. — Trans-Ocean.

Germany's New Battleship

Hamburg, To-day.

The first German 35,000 tons battleship, provisionally known as "F", will be launched at Hamburg on February 14.

The launching will shortly be followed by that of her sistership, provisionally known as "G", at Wilhelmshaven.—Trans-Ocean.

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DEFENCE OF COLONIES

London, To-day.

In a Commons answer the Colonial Secretary stated that the defence needs of colonial dependencies were under constant review by the appropriate sub-committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

Reports on measures taken during the recent crisis had been received from a number of the most important dependencies, and action had been taken upon them where it was deemed necessary.

In these circumstances, Mr. Macdonald said, he did not consider it necessary to ask for a report from all Colonial Governments on the adequacy of the measures taken last September.—British Wireless.

NATIONAL REGISTER IN RHODESIA

Salisbury (Southern Rhodesia), To-day.

The Government of Southern Rhodesia has decided to make National Registration compulsory, with an Act providing for military service without undue dislocation of industries. — Reuter.

"No Special Facilities Being Granted"

London, To-day.

Colonial matters, with particular reference to Tanganyika, figured in a series of questions in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Asked about the objects of German scientists and experts who have left Germany for an eight months' expedition to East Africa, Mr. Macdonald said he could add nothing to statements which have appeared in the press.

"The Governors of Kenya and Tanganyika have been informed of the purpose of the visit, but no special facilities are being granted," said Mr. Macdonald.

"The Governors of the territories are fully aware of the necessity for ensuring that there shall be no undesirable propaganda.

"If anything undesirable or improper is done in connection with this expedition, the authorities on the spot will give the matter careful attention."

Replying to another question, Mr. Macdonald said he was not prepared to encourage emigration of German settlers from Tanganyika and to facilitate settlement upon the land thus vacated of Jewish refugees, with a view to securing a more loyal population in these areas as well as to contributing to solution of the refugee problem.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT

Mr. Macdonald revealed, in reply to another question, that the Governor of Tanganyika had already submitted a preliminary report on the possibility of Jewish settlement in that territory. The information had been communicated to the emigration committee of the co-ordinating committee for refugees.

As regards the settlement of Jews in British Guiana, Mr. Macdonald said that the investigatory commission which was going to the Colony would begin its inquiries within the next few days.

It was impossible to say how long the investigation would take but it would certainly be a matter of several weeks before the commission's report could be expected.—Reuter.

SOUTH ATLANTIC AIR MAIL

London, To-day.

It is hoped to carry out experimental flights across the South Atlantic in connection with a British airmail service before the end of the present year.

The organisation required for the service is now being discussed by the Air Ministry with Imperial Airways and British Airways with a view to the provision of the necessary facilities both in West Africa and South America being put in hand at an early date.—British Wireless.

Fighting Still In Ethiopia

Chieftains' Appeal To The League

A GRAPHIC PICTURE OF THE STRUGGLE STILL BEING WAGED BY NATIVE CHIEFTAINS AGAINST THE ITALIANS IN ABYSSINIA IS PAINTED IN A COLLECTION OF PETITIONS, LETTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, FORWARDED FROM ABYSSINIA TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

"Apart from those dwelling in the neighbourhood of her fortifications and roads, the Ethiopian people have not submitted to Italy," says a petition to the League signed by three of the resisting chieftains.

"For this reason human blood flows in a stream each day. Being unable to obtain submission where she meets with armed resistance. Italy turns in fury upon the aged and the infirm, upon the women and the children, whom she slaughters."

A petition to the Emperor states: "Seeing that the extent of the territory that we have been able to keep independent is very vast and that there are people killing one another, I beg of Your Majesty to give us some gendarmes and two or three European instructors who are absolutely loyal."

DUG OWN GRAVES

A letter to Haile Selassie from an Archpriest describes actions recently fought against the Italians. At Debre-Tabor, he says, the Italians assembled the people together, made them dig their own graves and then buried them alive.

"After all that, the people of Gaint and of Negella rose up and attacked the garrisons of Gaint-Negella and exterminated them—the Captain and the Lieutenant who were in command as well as 11 other Italians and their 600 irregular troops."

On September 27 they attacked the Governor of Goudar who was on his way to assist the garrison of Debre-Tabor, followed by three generals, seven battalions and 382 mules loaded with guns, machine-guns, ammunition and other material. The Governor and all the other Italians and their troops were killed, and the material was captured, it is stated.

"After that we learned that troops were coming from Dessio. The Italians arrived with a force of 12,000 men. We fought for eight days. Seven native battalions, with 43 Italians with them, were routed. On our side equally, a number of soldiers and chieftains were killed."

MANHATTAN AT DUSK. This striking study of New York's lights was taken from the Rockefeller Centre Observation Roof as dusk stole up over Brooklyn and the east side of Manhattan. The Chrysler Tower is at the extreme left and the Empire State Building on extreme right.

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FRENCH NAVY'S PLANS IN THE EVENT OF WAR

Surprise Attacks Expected

Important developments in France's naval policy, in addition to an extensive shipbuilding programme, were announced by M. Campinchi, Minister of Marine, in an interview in Paris.

"Britain is a precious ally," he declared. "But each of our fleets would have its own job to do in a war. The work of the British Fleet would be so great that we could not ask her to carry out the impossible and protect our lines of communication."

M. Campinchi said that following the 35-000-ton battleship Richelieu, France was also to lay down two new battleships, one cruiser, seven submarines and 24,000 tons of lighter craft in the current year.

"For a country like ours a strong fleet is a question of life and death," he added. "Imperial defence is a problem of rare complexity, and the best possible defence of our coasts is the effective encounter with the enemy fleet and destroying it before it reaches our shores."

M. Campinchi explained that to eliminate the element of surprise an intricate system of coastal defences had already been organised in France.

At strategic points there were permanent coastal batteries, he said. But a new organisation had been set up. Mobile batteries, rapidly transportable to any tactical point, would come into operation.

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These batteries consisted of guns of the heaviest calibre, superior to the best known naval guns. The batteries were organised on the most modern lines.

The tonnage of the present French, Italian and German fleets was 500,000, 450,000 and 170,000 respectively, continued M. Campinchi. The three countries had the following tonnage under construction: France, 120,000 tons; Italy, 150,000 tons; Germany, 250,000 tons.

The 1939 French Budget would show an estimated expenditure of £47,000,000.

"No illusions are possible," M. Campinchi said. "The opening hours of a naval war would be marked by surprise attacks by large enemy concentrations.

ITALY'S ARMY STRENGTH IN LIBYA

London, To-day.

The numerical strength of Italian troops in Libya, according to information now received from the Italian Government, is between 30,000 and 32,000.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain stated this in the House of Commons at question time yesterday in answer to Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour).

No answer was given to a Labour supplementary question whether any information had been received "about German troops which have been sent to Libya recently."

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) asked if the reduction of Italian troops in Libya had been at the rate of 1,000 a week in accordance with the provisions of the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

Mr. Chamberlain: I cannot answer that question without notice. —Reuter.

BURMA AS UNIT OF EMPIRE

London, To-day.

In recognition of the position of Burma as a unit of the Empire, the King has approved a national flag for Burma, which hitherto has had no distinctive flag.

The flag approved is a blue ensign bearing in the fly, the emblem of a peacock in natural colours on a circular gold background.

The peacock is generally regarded as the national emblem of Burma. —Reuter.

RALLY TO CALL OF NATIONAL SERVICE

London, To-day.

Distribution of the National Service Guide was substantially completed on February 2, and up to February 4, over 100,000 applications for enrolment had been received by local National Service offices, stated Sir John Anderson, Civil Defence Minister, in a written reply in the House of Commons yesterday.

This figure does not include considerable numbers of applications made direct to the offices of the various Services. — Reuter.

MANILA WILL HAVE MANY SUPPORTERS

Manila will have an unusually large number of supporters for the interport football match at Chinese New Year.

The s.s. Lanao is due in Hong Kong from Manila on Tuesday next, carrying upwards of 120 enthusiasts, come to Hong Kong for the special purpose of seeing the game.

JAPANESE NAVAL PLANS IN SOUTH CHINA

Tokyo, To-day.

A question as to whether the Japanese Admiralty planned to establish a permanent naval base in South China or elsewhere on the Chinese continent, was answered in the negative by the Japanese Naval Minister, Admiral Yonai, during a session of the Lower House committee on Wednesday.

The Japanese Naval Minister refused to answer a further question, whether Japanese forces would carry through the immediate occupation of Hainan Island. — Trans-Ocean.

LABOUR MOTION OF CENSURE

London, To-day.

It is stated that the Labour Opposition in the Commons have decided to put down a vote of censure on the subject of unemployment. The motion, it is expected, will be taken next week.—British Wireless.

WEALTHY JEWS TO BE ARRESTED

IT IS FEARED THAT A NEW NAZI ANTI-JEWISH OFFENSIVE ON A BIG SCALE IS NOW BEING PREPARED.

The object seems to be to accelerate the process of emigration by making the position of individual Jews even more intolerable than it is at present, and thus shocking world opinion into speedier action.

With this end in view a number of Jews who, in the eyes of the authorities, have been slow in exploring the possibilities of emigration, have been arrested. Many Stateless Jews have also been taken into custody.

It is believed that this is only a beginning. According to reliable information local Nazi authorities have drawn up lists of wealthy Jews, who may be arrested. They will not be released until they can arrange to leave Germany immediately.

LORD CHATFIELD'S FIRST CABINET

London, To-day.

Lord Chatfield, the new Minister for Coordination of Defence, who was sworn in to the Privy Council on Tuesday, made his first appearance in the cabinet yesterday at the ordinary Wednesday meeting. —British Wireless.

It is learned that Mr. W. Kay, Principal, King's College, is going on leave prior to retirement early in March.

GERMANY'S PROGRAMME FOR NEW NAVY

London, To-day.

The German decisions to mount bigger guns on the new 10,000 ton cruiser Seydlitz and to resume freedom to construct submarine tonnage up to the British total, was the subject of seven questions on the House of Commons order paper yesterday.

They were answered by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare.

In a long statement, Mr. Shakespeare made clear that the German decisions were in accordance with the rights conferred upon them in the Anglo-American Naval Agreements of 1935 and 1937.

The German Government's standpoint in reaching these decisions, Mr. Shakespeare said, had been stated to be that in the present condition of international affairs they were no longer prepared to refrain from developing their naval forces to the full extent permitted by the Anglo-German Treaty.

OVERRIDING CONDITION

He mentioned that the increase in German submarine tonnage does not affect the overriding condition in the Treaty that total tonnage of the German Navy should not exceed 35 per cent. of the aggregate tonnage of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Replying to supplementaries, the Minister declared that the Board of Admiralty could not agree to exercise by any power of right conferred upon it by Treaty could be regarded as constituting a threat to Britain or any other power.

He added, however, that in drawing up the 1939 programme of new naval construction, the British Government had given full weight to all factors in naval developments in all parts of the world, and he invited the House to await the Navy Estimates to see what that programme would contain. — British Wireless.

THE CLIPPER AIR MAIL

Sir,—As published in to-day's Mail Notice, the General Post Office will henceforth close ordinary airmail for the trans-Pacific Clipper service at 7.30 a.m. on the morning of departure, at the G.P.O. only.

For some time past, at the special request of this Company, ordinary airmail has been closed the night before departure. However, through alleviation of certain emergency regulations, we have been able to withdraw our request, and the G.P.O. have made arrangements to again allow the airmailing public extra time for posting.

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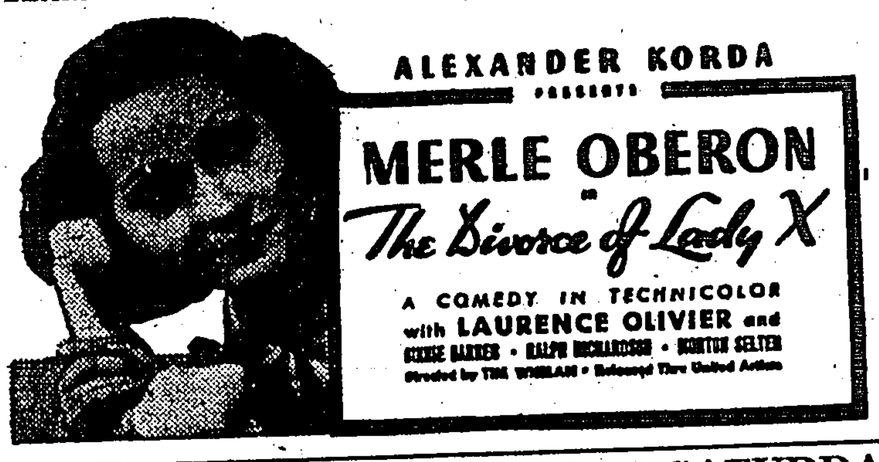

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"THIS IS A VERY BAD CASE OF CRUELTY AND ILL-TREATMENT; THERE MAY HAVE BEEN WORSE, BUT I HAVE NOT HEARD OF THEM," SAID MR. R. A. D. FORREST AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WHEN CHIN MUI-YICK, AND HER HUSBAND, NG KAM-SHUI, WERE CHARGED WITH KEEPING AN UNREGISTERED MUITSAI AT NO. 9, POKFULAM ROAD AND WITH ILL-TREATING THE MUITSAI, LO YUI, AGED 12.

Chow Ha-ho, clerk, was charged with assaulting the child.

Inspector Fraser said the girl reported to No. 7 Police Station. She was pledged to second defendant for $100 in Canton and came to the Colony five months ago owing to the war.

She had to do all the work in the house as no servants were employed. She slept on the floor on a thin mat and had scanty covering. Her meals, which consisted of what was left over, were taken in the kitchen. She did not get to bed till 4 a.m. and had to be up before 8 o'clock in the morning.

BURNED ARM

Some time between December 31 and February 6, the woman burnt her arm with a cigarette at 4 o'clock in the morning because she failed to open the door for the night-soil coolie. The husband once hit her with a pole because the rice had not been cooked properly.

On other occasions she was beaten with a feather duster by both first and second defendants.

Third defendant was employed by the second defendant. On Monday, he told the girl to retrieve an incense burner that had been thrown in the rubbish bin. She could not find it and he struck her several times hard across the ankles.

Mr. Forrest cautioned the defendants on the charge of keeping an unregistered muitsai in view of the circumstances under which she was brought into the Colony. On the other charge, he fined the woman $500, the husband $250 and the third defendant $100.

FATAL CRASH INQUEST

An inquiry into the death of a Chinese, Leung Kin Sang, 29, formerly residing at 283, Chatham Road, was this morning held by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy.

It was stated that the deceased was riding a motorcycle with another man. Travelling along Nathan Road, toward Tsim Tsa-tsui, he collided with a lorry which was three quarters of the way across Nathan Road.

The lorry was crossing Nathan Road from Soy Street, at the time of the accident.

The cycle struck the front mudguard and was thrown heavily pinning the rider to the ground. The pillion rider was found to be suffering from an injured arm and both were taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where the driver died the same day.

The driver of the lorry was absolved of all blame. Death was due to Peritonitis, following a ruptured stomach.

Mr. Himsworth returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

GAMBLING CLUB RAIDED BY POLICE

A private club, frequented by overseas Chinese, where "Pai-kui" was played, was raided by a police party under Sub-Inspector Byron and Det.-Sgt. Soutar last night.

The club was situated on the first floor of No. 21, Cheung Sha-wan Road and twenty-one Chinese were arrested on the premises.

The persons found on the premises were mostly well-to-do Chinese from America and they called six or seven taxis to take them to Shamshuipo Police Station instead of walking.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the case was brought before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen by Det.-Sgt. Soutar, who informed the court that the gamblers had failed to appear.

Chan Hung, 58, who was charged with keeping, had his bail of $50 estreated as did the twenty other gamblers, who were on bail of $8.

'MAGICIAN' GIVES COURT PERFORMANCE

A performance of a street show was witnessed at the Kowloon Magistracy when a man appeared charged with begging in Shanghai Street yesterday.

Cheung Wing by name, he pleaded not guilty and claimed that he returned skill in magic for public approval.

Cheung asked to be allowed to demonstrate.

When he had finished his performance he requested the Magistrate to discharge him.

Mr. Macfadyen, satisfied with his skill, bound him over for one year and ordered him not to give public shows in Hong Kong.

THE 'COLD SNAP'

Yesterday's "cold snap" represented by an average fall in temperature of six degrees and felt more sharply because of fresh winds, is likely to continue for a day or so.

Maximum temperature yesterday was 59 degrees, and the thermometer fell steadily during the night to a minimum of 55 degrees. This morning at 10 a. m. it had risen again to 59 degrees, with fresh breezes and overcast skies.

HIT BY FALLING TIMBER

Two coolies were yesterday admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with severe injuries about the head. They were working on the South China Transportation Company, premises at North Point, and a large piece of timber fell on them.

The Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow Minister of Union Church, Kennedy Road, left on the Kweiyang for a round trip to Bangkok for health reasons. He is expected back at the beginning of next month.

De Valera Steps To Suppress Irish Republican Army

Dublin, To-day.

The Minister for Justice, Mr. Patrick J. Ruttledge, yesterday introduced two measures in the Dail aimed at suppression of extremist bodies such as the Irish Republican Army.

The first bill makes provisions to deal with actions and conduct calculated to undermine the public order and authority of the State.

The second measure provides for punishment in the case of treason and certain military offences, and will repeal the existing Treason Law passed in 1925.

The Labour leader, Mr. William Norton, said his party would oppose the Bills. He declared the country had not been so peaceful for years.

A CHALLENGE

Mr. Ruttledge, however, stated that a certain body had issued a proclamation in December taking over alleged power from a certain other body and holding itself out as the government.

The Government would not tolerate such action, which amounted to a challenge.—Reuter.

POWERS NEEDED

The latter Bill (adds British Wireless) also regulates and controls in the public interest formation of associations and establishes special criminal courts under Article 38 of the Constitution and provides for constitution powers and jurisdiction of such courts.

Article 38 of the Eire Constitution authorises the setting up of courts to try certain criminal cases without juries.

Leave to inroduce the bills was granted by 94 votes to eight after Mr. Ruttledge had said the Eire Government had decided on the Bills because it was known that powers were needed to deal with certain organisations. He is reported as referring to the Irish Republican Army proclamation issued in Dublin on December 8.

DE VALERA SPEECH

The Bills introduced yesterday were forecast in a speech in the Eire Senate the previous night by Mr. de Valera, in the course of which he said: "I am not going to refer to certain matters which are subjudice at the moment, but there is another matter which is a definite challenge.

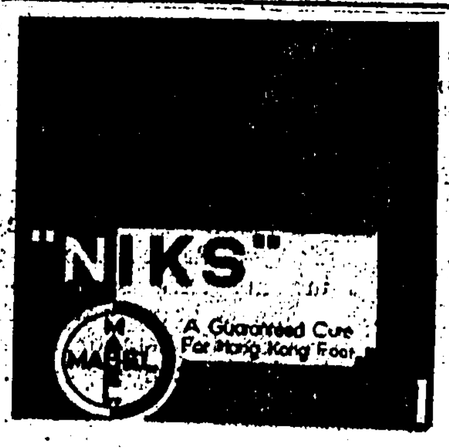
"We have been elected as the lawful government of this country. No other body has any right to talk for the Irish people but ourselves."

In England yesterday, two other men were brought before the courts on charges in connexion with recent bomb outrages and were remanded.

QUEEN WILHELMINA

The Hague, To-day.

It is announced that the projected visit of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to the King of the Belgians will take place at the end of May.—Reuter.



INCREASING TENSION OVER FISHING RIGHTS

Tokyo, To-day.

A joint resolution submitted to the Japanese Government by parties represented in the Imperial Diet appeals to the Government to safeguard, under all circumstances, Japanese fishery rights in Soviet Russian territorial waters.

It will be recalled that negotiations between Japan and the Soviet for prolongation of the fishery convention failed and that the Soviet subsequently announced that it would sell the rights to the highest bidder at auction on March 15.

Political quarters attach considerable importance to the resolution of the Diet since it is reported that the Soviet intends to take measures against fishing vessels found in territorial waters.

A military council is said to have been formed at Vladivostok, headed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Far Eastern fleet, and which disposes, besides naval forces, of two divisions of the Soviet army. This council, it is reported has given orders to prevent fishing vessels in Soviet waters.—Trans-Ocean.

FAMOUS DRIVER KILLED

Indianapolis (Indiana), To-day.

Wiliam Cummings, one of America's leading racing motorists and a former winner of the Indianapolis Grand Prix, died in hospital with a fractured skull yesterday, two days after a private car crash.

Cummings, who was only 30 years of age, never regained consciousness.—Reuter.

CHINESE MINISTER AT OSLO

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Hsieh Wei-ling, newly appointed Chinese Minister to Norway and Sweden, presented his credentials to the King of Norway on February 7, according to information from diplomatic circles.

The King of Norway expressed his concern with China in her war of resistance and asked the Chinese Minister to convey his respects to Chairman Lin Sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—Central News.

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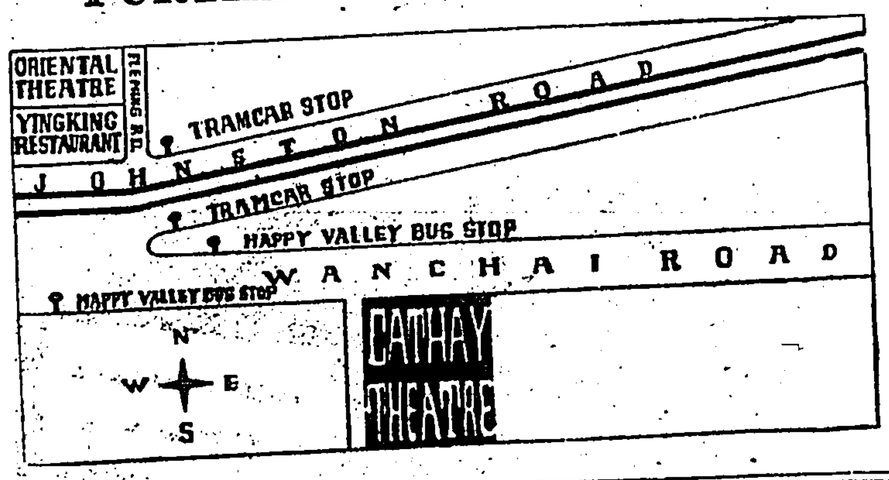

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PERSONAL FEUDS BEHIND FAILURE OF ARABS TO AGREE IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Up to a late hour yesterday afternoon no agreement had been reached between the Mufti and Nashashibi parties regarding Arab representation at the Palestine Conference.

A meeting arranged for 4 o'clock between Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Colonies Secretary, and members of the Arab states and other Arabs did not take place.

It is understood, however, that efforts to effect a rapprochement continue.

Nashishibi declared at a meeting with Mr. Macdonald last evening: "The Arab differences are not due to doctrine or differences in policy but to personal feuds which have long been a disruptive force in Arab life."

This does not make Mr. Macdonald's mediatory mission less difficult. The Mufti delegates contend that both parties have the same aims and objects, and that the absence of the Nashashibi section will not prejudice the negotiations. — Reuter.

INTERVIEW WITH PREMIER

London, To-day.

Representatives of the Palestine Defence Party were received by the Prime Minister in his room at the House of Commons last evening.

The visit was not for the purpose of negotiation but as the Defence Party representatives were not present at the reception which took place at St. James Palace on Tuesday, the Prime Minister took this opportunity of making their personal acquaintance. — British Wireless.

ITALY'S CALL OF RESERVISTS TO COLOURS

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons on the calling up of 60,000 men of the 1901 class in Italy, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said the British Ambassador had been informed that this was purely an administrative measure without political significance.

Mr. Butler added that he understood the 1901 class, which was the oldest class not engaged in the Great War, underwent its military training at a time when conditions were abnormal and it had been thought that some re-training of certain men of this class would be desirable.

It was not unusual in Italy for men to be called up for training in this manner.—British Wireless.

DR. LEY AT NO.10

London, To-day.

Dr. Robert Ley, head of the German Labour Front, who has been in London at the Conference of the International Labour Bureau, which held its closing session yesterday, was received in a private audience by Mr. Chamberlain last evening. —Trans-Ocean.

PAKHOI HEAVILY BOMBED

Hoihow, To-day.

Pakhoi was severely bombed yesterday. Bombs were dropped on the western outskirts of the port, but several fell in populated areas.

Many civilians were injured and killed.

The machines also flew along the waterfront and destroyed three junks. Several fishermen were killed.

The Japanese flagship, "Idzumo" is reported to have left for Formosa.—Our Own Correspondent.

LORD GORT'S STUDY OF EGYPT DEFENCES

Cairo, To-day.

Between Lord Gort, Chief of the British General Staff, at present on a inspection tour through Egypt, and representatives of the Egyptian army, discussions have taken place at the Egyptian War Office in Cairo.

Lord Gort explained his views after his inspection trip, on the Egyptian defence system in the western desert regions.

As a result of these discussions, it is reliably reported, British troops stationed in Egypt and Egyptian troops will, in future, hold joint manoeuvres. The first manoeuvres will be held at the end of February in the Eastern desert districts of Lower Egypt, along the western border of the Suez Canal. — Trans-Ocean.

U.S.S. MONOCACY TO BE SUNK

Shanghai, To-day.

The U.S.S. Monocacy, the Yangtse River gunboat, is ending her long career to-day.

She is being towed towards the Saddle Islands, where she will be sunk.—Reuter.

HONG KONG'S PROTEST AGAINST CLOSURE OF PEARL RIVER

London, To-day.

The British Government is shortly to reply to representations made recently by the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in regard to closure of the Pearl River to merchant shipping by the Japanese.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, announced this at question time in the House of Commons yesterday in reply to a question from Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne, Conservative member for Kidderminster.

Mr. Butler said that the representations had been transmitted through the British Consul-General at Canton, and invited the British Government's attitude towards the continued closing of the Pearl River.

The representations had been receiving the Government's "urgent consideration," and a communication would shortly be addressed to the Hong Kong Chamber through the appropriate channels.

The Government propose to continue as at present to take all possible steps to secure reopening of the Pearl River.

PERTINENT QUESTION

Mr. A. V. Alexander (Labour, Hillsborough) asked if the Government expected more urgent results to the representations on the subject than they had received from their representations on the Yangtse issue.

Mr. Butler said Mr. Alexander would be aware that that was a zone of what might be described as military activity, and therefore there were certain difficulties, "but we are pressing the case as strongly as possible."

Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne: Is it not the case that if Japan were at war with China it would be quite illegal to close the Pearl River?

Mr. Butler: All relevant considerations will be borne in mind. — Reuter.

JOINT ACTION WITH CANTON CHAMBER

The "China Mail" is able to disclose that the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce was associated with the British Chamber of Commerce in Canton with a message urging the Government to take steps to obtain the earliest possible reopening of the Kwangtung river system.

The representations were made through the China Association in London and it is presumed that the reply of Mr. R. A. Butler had reference to this joint approach.

It is understood that the message of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce further referred to British rights in China generally and supported the representations from all other British Chambers of Commerce in China made through the Associated Chambers' office in Shanghai, urging removal of restrictions on foreign commercial navigation and trade on the Yangtse and other inland waterways, and calling for a firm insistence on British rights throughout China.

OAHU ARRIVES AT KIUKIANG

Shanghai, To-day.

The U. S. S. Oahu arrived in Kiukiang this morning from Hankow and tied up alongside H. M. S. Ladybird.

The Oahu has on board the British and American Vice-Consuls in Hankow, who are visiting Kiukiang in connexion with the Japanese demand for evacuation by foreigners of Kuling, the mountain resort, where Chinese guerilla forces are still holding out. — Reuter

NATIONAL SERVICE IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

A Bill providing for national service by all citizens in time of war, is now being examined by the Swedish Government.

The Prime Minister revealed this in the House of Parliament yesterday. — Reuter.

SOVIET GESTURE TO POLAND

A friendly gesture by the Soviet authorities towards Poland is given much prominence in the Warsaw newspapers.

The Polish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Moscow, which was closed by Yedhoff, former Commissar for Internal Affairs, has been restored to the Polish community as a place of worship.

During the past year the church was used as a Polish Communists' Club.

No Recent Report Of Serious Silting

London, To-day.

Discussions are still proceeding in Shanghai regarding Japanese prevention of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board from carrying out dredging of the approach to Shanghai, and some progress has been made.

A reply to this effect was given at question time in the House of Commons yesterday by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, to Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne (Conservative, Kidderminster).

No recent reports of silting of the channel had been brought to the Foreign Secretary's notice.

Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne asked if the Government could not bring a little more pressure to bear on the Japanese Government in the interests not only of Britain but of all nations.

Mr. Butler: We are stressing the importance of this viewpoint in the course of the negotiations in Shanghai.—Reuter.

FUNERAL OF SIR HENRI DETERDING

Schwerin, To-day.

The "Niederdeutscher Beobachter" reports that the Prime Minister, Dr. Coljin, will personally attend the funeral ceremonies of the late Sir Henri Deterding. — Trans-Ocean.

IMPORTANT PARIS PARLEYS ON SPAIN

Paris, To-day.

Quarters close to the Quai d'Orsay last night confirmed that the French Cabinet would, in the near future consider the question of diplomatic representation at Burgos.

French public opinion, however, will only be amenable to this reversal of the French attitude after the Republican Spanish Government has officially ceased to exist.

Hopes are built on the attitude to be taken by the President of Republican Spain, Senor Azana, who will, it is stated, meet Dr. Negrin's representative, S. Esteha, Minister of the Interior at the Republican Spanish Embassy in Paris to-day.

It is thought that President Azana may then oppose a continuation of the war.

Minor officials of the Embassy state that Dr. Negrin intends to proceed to Valencia or Madrid to continue resistance.—Trans-Ocean.

AZANA ON WAY

Geneva, To-day.

The President of Republican Spain, Senor Azana, left last evening for Paris, where momentous conferences are scheduled to take place at the Spanish Embassy.

His family is staying at Collonges. — Trans-Ocean.

18-IN. MAN IS STOLEN

A man, 18 inches high, known as prince Domling, has vanished from Bertram Mills's Circus, Olympia, it is feared he has been kidnapped.

Mr. G. S. Tuncke, his manager, lost him in the cloakroom. Later Prince Domling was reported to have been seen in the arms of a tall man.

The police were informed. An inspector and a sergeant from Hammersmith Police Station were in conference with officials of the Fun Fair at Olympia until 3 a.m. in the morning.

His disappearance was discovered just before midnight, and when a search of the premises proved fruitless the police were called in.

"QUITE SELF-POSSESSED" SAYS HIS MANAGER

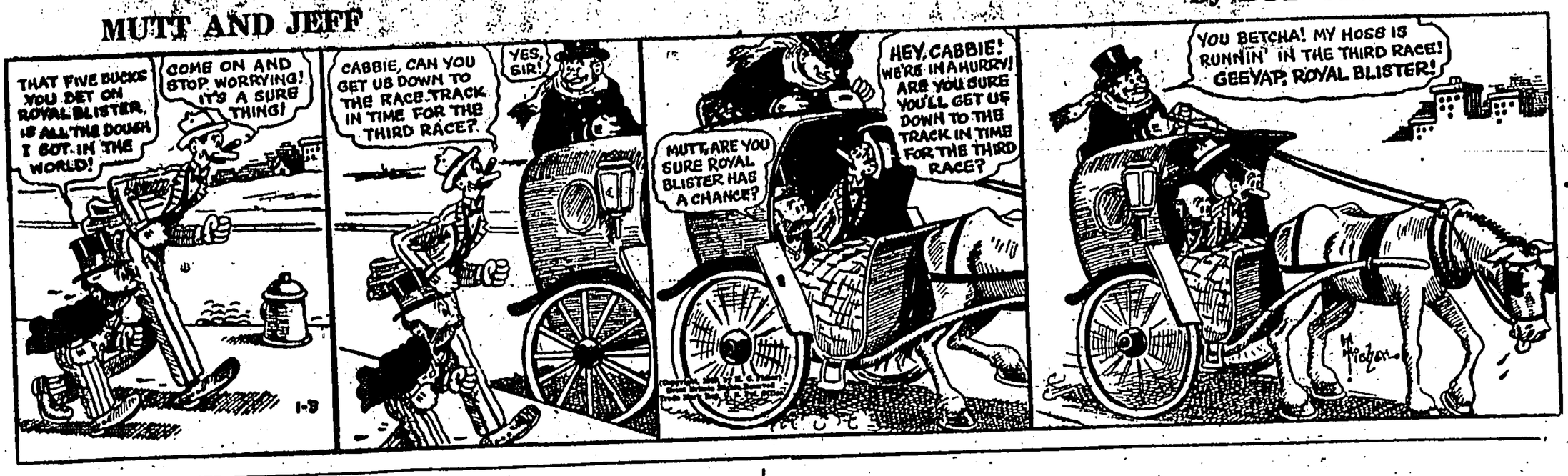
"He would not have wandered away without telling me," Mr. Tuncke said. "He is such a self-possessed little fellow, although he is so very tiny.

"I am worried. The 'Prince' was seen with a stranger . . . and no one is allowed to pick him up except myself . . ."

"Prince Domling," eighteen inches high, is probably the smallest midget ever on show in England.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



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TRADE ABOUT

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

"The value of an article," said Shelly Richardson "is determined by the state of mind of its owner, if you know what I mean."

"I don't, I said.

Shelly sighed. "I mean," he went on "that if you own a horse that has served you well, yet is old and decrepit, his value to you, because of sentimental reasons, would be ten-fold what it would be to a prospective buyer, if any."

"Well?" I said.

He indicated the watch on his wrist. "See that," he said. "That watch yesterday was worth fifty dollars—to me. To-day. I'd sell it for five."

It was a rather neat-looking, gold-encased wrist watch, not unlike a hundred others, apparently keeping good time. Its make was well known.

"If you're trying to sell me that watch," I told him, "you've made a sale. It looks to me like a bargain at five dollars."

Shelly scowled, ignored my offer and resumed:

"Three years ago I owned a watch similar to the one you now see on my wrist. It never ran right, was either slow or fast or not going at all. Therefore when one day I chanced to be in a jewellery store in a near-by city, I saw a good chance to trade. You see, this jeweller owed me a considerable sum of money, and when I threatened to sue, after repeated efforts to collect, he offered me the watch in payment.

"The make of the watch he offered was nationally advertised, the figure on the price tag was far beyond the amount due me. And despite the fact that I was not particularly struck by the appearance of the timepiece, I sensed a neat profit in the transaction, so I took him up.

Two weeks later I chanced to be in another city and was passing a jewellery store. The owner was the sole agent for the particular make of watch I now owned. His window-display contained other makes that were, though not so high-priced, more attractive to my eye.

"I entered and asked to see some of his watches, of any make that were different than that of the watch I now owned. One that he showed me seemed a fine-look piece of jewellery. White gold it was, with luminous hands. The price was far below the value of the watch I owned.

"Tell you what I'll do," I said, unstrapping my watch. "I'll trade even with you. This watch, as you know, is far more expensive than the one I want to buy."

"The jeweller thought a moment, carefully examined my timepiece and at length agreed to my terms. Feeling that again I had made a profitable transaction, I returned home, only to discover that my new purchase had ceased to percolate. Annoyed I took it the next day to a local jeweller, who advised that the watch was a second-hand affair and was sadly in need of repairing and cleaning.

"This was disheartening though I felt it was only my due, as both transaction had appeared to me quite satisfying. However, my Yankee ancestry came to the fore, and I resolved, because of traditional reasons, not to be outdone. I therefore hied myself back to the jeweller with whom I had made the first trade, explained that whereas I realized he had allowed me to profit on our first deal I didn't like the appearance of the watch he had given me and traded it for another. I showed him my latest acquirement.

"'Will you take this in trade,' I said, 'for that watch there, with a bonus of ten dollars to boot?' I pointed to a handsome, gold-encased watch, the same make as my original timepiece.

"The jeweller examined the watch I offered him, declared that it needed cleaning and that if I would add to my ten dollars the price of cleaning, which was three dollars, he'd be glad to accommodate me.

"To this I agreed, it seeming like a fair proposition. Besides, the watch I had selected was exactly what I wanted, and seemed to me to be worth more than the other two watches together. We made the deal and I departed, feeling greatly elated, and not a little guilty at having so successfully pulled the wool over the eyes of my jeweller friend.

"A week later I discovered that my new watch was gaining about five minutes a day. It needed adjusting, and forthwith I dropped in on a third jeweller, an old friend for whom I had bought several pieces of jewellery in the past.

"He made the adjustment cheerfully enough, and handed back the timepiece, saying, 'It's about time you had that watch cleaned, Shelly.'

"'Cleaned!' I exclaimed. 'How do you mean cleaned? Why, I've only owned the watch a week! It's practically new!'

"My jeweller friend eyed me a moment or two, seemed satisfied that I was serious, and pulled out a drawer of cards. "Here,' he said, extracting one, 'follow along as I read you the numbers from this watch.'

"He pried off the back cover, peered at it through his glass, and rattled off the seven numbers on the case and the workings.

"I looked at him with a horrible suspicion. 'What,' I asked, 'does that means?'

"'It means,' replied my friend, 'that that is the watch you bought from me three years ago. Apparently you've traded it for another and then bought your old watch back again, after it had been cleaned and shined up. How much did you lose on the transaction?'"

Shelly sighed again. "Yesterday," he said, "I wouldn't have parted with this watch for fifty dollars. But to-day,—well, I'll take up that offer you made. It's yours for five dollars."

I grinned. "Thanks," I said, "but the value of anything is determined by its worth to its owner. Besides, I think the watch looks much better on your wrist than it will on mine."

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Republican Battalions Retreating Into France

ITALIAN ASSURANCE.

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, asked in the House of Commons by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) whether in view of the terms of the Anglo-Italian Agreement any discussions were yet contemplated between the British Government and the Italian Government as to what constitutes termination of the Spanish Civil War, said that the Anglo-Italian Agreement did not provide for any such discussions.

When he was referred to the statement in the Italian press to the effect that the Italian Governmen did not propose to withdraw its troops until after political victory in Spain, Mr. Chamberlain said: "Statements of the press do not represent the views of the Government of any country."

Mr. Henderson: Is it the view of His Majesty's Government that the Italian Government have undertaken to withdraw their troops as soon as hostilities cease?

Mr. Chamberlain: Yes. — British Wireless.

LEISURE TIME AND RECREATION

London, To-day.

The World Congress for Leisure Time and Recreation will be held in Stockholm in the summer of 1940, one week before the Olympic Games take place in Finland.

This was decided at the end of the present World Congress meeting in London.—British Wireless.

REARGUARDS HOLD UP FRANCO AT FIGUERAS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

EVACUATION OF CATALONIA BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT TROOPS WAS ACCELERATED YESTERDAY MORNING.

Troops are now crossing the frontier at Bourg Madame in complete detachments with officers, instead of in small groups as hitherto.

It is estimated that 8,000 who have reached Bourg Madame have been disarmed since 4 o'clock.

In one case a full battalion of 600 men reached the frontier with a score of cars and 50 mule-drawn wagons.

The 26th Division, consisting entirely of Anarchists, reached Puigcerda during the night.

It is claimed that the Republicans retreated in good order, protected by a rearguard of tanks, and evacuated almost all their artillery.

A Perpignan despatch states that the Nationalist troops, making forced marches towards Puigcerda, were expected to reach that town last night. The Republicans were evacuating most districts.

The French frontier forces have now been strengthened to meet the renewed flow of refugees.

FORTRESS BLOWN UP

The fortress of Figueras blew up yesterday afternoon. It is not known whether the explosion, which was tremendous, was accidental or deliberate.

Until a few days ago the dungeons beneath the fortress had been used by the Republican Cabinet and various Ministries.

Soon after the Government fled the fortress became the target of repeated Nationalist air raids.

The Nationalists have been pushing towards Figueras in the face of stubborn Republican resistance. —Reuter.

MINORCA TALKS

London, To-day.

Informal talks between the officials of the British Government and representatives in London of General Franco are believed to have dealt with the occupation of Minorca by National Spanish forces.

The British Government is greatly interested in the solution of this problem. It is learned that General Franco has let it be understood that he intends to occupy the island, still in the hands of the Republicans, without recourse to foreign aid.

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The British Government is prepared to place a British warship at the disposal of General Franco should he desire to send a mission to the island with powers to arrange capitulation.

Minorca is a strongly armed fortress and might well be able to resist a blockade for a long time as well as to prevent General Franco's warships from approaching the island to effect a landing.

It is realized that a delicate situation might arise if French vessels undertook to provision the island under the protection of French warships.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. NEGRIN NOW IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The Republican Prime Minister, Dr. Negrin, and General Rojo, the Commander of the Spanish forces in Catalonia, crossed the French frontier yesterday afternoon at Le Perthus at the head of fighting units from the direction of Figueras, according to the "Temps" special correspondent.

Dr. Negrin refused to make any statements to the press.—Trans-Ocean.

H.M. CRUISER CARRIES FRANCO EMISSARIES

London, To-day.

It is announced that the British cruiser, H.M.S. Devonshire, which arrived at Minorca some days ago, left the naval port, Mahon, on that island yesterday.

The cruiser's departure is believed to be connected with the negotiations said to be going on between London and Burgos regarding the fate of Minorca, but no official information on the subject is forthcoming.

Informed quarters state that the British Government has no intention of making any concrete peace proposals but has contented itself with offering both parties its services.—Trans-Ocean.

BACK AGAIN

London, To-day.

H.M.S. Devonshire has now returned to Mahon.

On board the cruiser were Nationalist Spanish emissaries whose mission it is to discuss with the Republican Spanish authorities the surrender of the Island.

The cruiser will probably remain in Mahon as long as the negotiation last.

Whether the emissaries came from Majorca or from the mainland was not known last night.

In circles interested, it is pointed out that this British action does not represent mediation. Britain wanted merely to perform the good services of a neutral power to obviate further unnecessary bloodshed.—Trans-Ocean.

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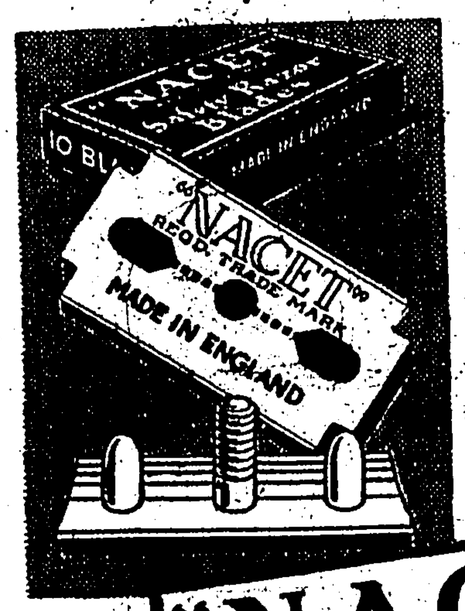

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ONE UP FOR THE DEMOCRACIES

It is eloquent commentary upon the absence of confidence in the present Government that Mr. Chamberlain's clearcut assurance of British co-operation with France should still be regarded by what Mr. Wickham Steed would call the 'informed minority' as evidence of an imminent general election rather than of Mr. Chamberlain's readiness to call a halt to the game of international blackmail. Not in generations has a British Prime Minister been so distrusted. Suspicion goes, in fact, to lengths which are little short of absurd, and this observation would seem to apply on this occasion.

Of this, at least, there can be no doubt: never in British history has a more categorical statement of automatic support in the event of a threat to her vital interests been given to France. Nor can its effect on Italy be mistaken. The announcement compels Mussolini to a decision; whether he is prepared to discuss, through diplomatic channels, his claims against France, such as they are: or whether he will indulge in the more risky business of applying threats. Particularly when well aware that Germany has no more desire to become involved in a war on Italy's account than Italy was to rush to arms during the September crisis. The whole principle of international blackmail as practised is that results shall be achieved without actual resort to military action: once that principle is breached, the whole edifice must fall to the ground.

Both German and Italian comment on the Chamberlain declaration carry more interest than Anglo-French views. The attitude adopted by Italy seeks to minimise the importance of the guarantee and to make unfavourable comparisons with the strength of the undertaking given by Hitler to Mussolini; an attitude which, intended for internal consumption, enternally bears all the impress of unreality in view of the terms of Hitler's assurance. Nazi leaders take a more realistic view. The closeness of Anglo-French ties has long been understood in Germany, and Mr. Chamberlain has not, therefore, succeeded in creating a new situation. But, says the German spokesman, it would be regrettable if Mr. Chamberlain's words were to be regarded as an encouragement to France in her attitude towards Italy.

The implication is obvious. At the same time, there can be no mistaking the fact that Mr. Chamberlain's declaration, made under the special circumstances, has made a profound impression both in Rome and in Berlin. That being so, the totalitarian charge that it contributes nothing to the policy of appeasement may be answered by hailing it as a very definite inducement to keeping the peace.

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The Inscrutable Atom

When Lippershey invented the telescope, combining two lenses, one convex and the other concave, he made possible the extended vision of mankind beyond the Milky Way, where our sun is a tiny star, to things 500,000,000 light-years away. Similarly, Leeuwenhoek and his primitive microscopes penetrating the world of the infinitesimal, opened the way for the electron-microscope, 1000 times more powerful than the best compound microscope. It can reach as far into an infinitesimally mitey universe as modern telescopes can penetrate the void of space between super-galaxies.

V. K. Zworykin, in his showing at Richmond of this new device, disclosed how physicists use a beam of electrons produced in a cathode ray tube instead of light. The electrons are reflected from the object to be studied and pass through a powerful magnetic field which bends the beam in somewhat the same way a lens bends light. The electron beam, however, is invisible and must be changed by focusing on a flat glass plate coated with fluorescent chemicals. These transform the ultra-short wavelengths of light into longer, visible ones.

Various models of the electron-microscope have been made in Europe and America following the discovery in pure physics twelve years ago by Dr. C. J. Davisson and Dr. L. H. Germer that electrons have a dual personality, possessing the characteristics of both waves and particles. Proof of the wave quality gave researchers needed impetus to go ahead with further work on the microscope.

Does this mean atoms will be rendered visible? Probably this goal will never be reached, for while magnifications now make it possible for men to study things as small as a wavelength of visible light, efforts to go below this limit are likely to fail. Objects can be studied only by the waves of energy which they reflect. There is much work yet to be done, but some day electron-optics may do as much for the telescopes as it has for microscopes.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PEACE

CHINESE LEADER ON OUTLOOK

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THERE CANNOT BE DIRECT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA, AND THEREFORE ONLY AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FAR EAST IN THE NATURE OF A SECOND WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WOULD BE LIKELY TO PRODUCE A SETTLEMENT OF THE PRESENT SINO-JAPANESE CONFLICT.

This fact was stressed by Chinese official circles who yesterday gave Reuter a summary of the military, political, economic and social aspects of the present situation affecting the Chinese Government.

These circles believe that Japan would like to terminate the present hostilities, but she would insist on victor's terms, which China, they declare, will never accept.

Similarly, they argue, no terms presented by China would be acceptable to Japan. Therefore it is predicted that Japan will "make one more big military push and will then be prepared to discuss peace, believing that thus she can obtain better terms.

A controversial point, they state, would be the question of suppression of Communism in China. So far no practical solution of this delicate issue has been envisaged.

NO IMPORTANT FIGHTING

Despite numerous reports of fighting in west Shansi, west Hupeh and southern Kwangtung, generally speaking there has been no military development of any great importance in recent weeks, these circles declare.

According to information obtained from reliable Chinese sources, the Japanese are quietly withdrawing a number of troops from the Yangtse Valley. They are said to be withdrawing troops from Hankow, Kiukiang, Shanghai, Hangchow and other points.

Japanese troops, it is stated, are also being withdrawn from South China.

Chinese quarters see no likelihood of a fresh Japanese offensive either in Hunan, Hupeh and Kiangsi provinces or in South China towards Kwangsi.

LUNGHAI NEXT?

The present movements of Japanese troops in China, Chinese circles go on to state, tend to indicate that the Japanese may attempt to seize Chengchow, junction of the Peiping-Hankow and Lunghai railways, with the intention of pushing westwards along the Lunghai Railway towards Tungkwan, the strategic pass on the Yellow River bend, from which, it is surmised, the Japanese may attempt to invade Shansi towards Sian.

Such a development, it is stated, will not have any vital military consequences, for it is believed that future Japanese military operations will be carried out purely for the purpose of strengthening forthcoming political moves.

What character these moves are likely to assume will be the subject of greatest interest here.

EUROPEAN INFLUENCE

The outcome of the present hostilities, Chinese circles emphasise, depends largely on future developments in Europe.

If war breaks out in Europe, with France and Britain emerging victors, it is most likely that China would take the offensive and try to prosecute her own war to a victorious conclusion.

On the other hand, it is felt here that if peace by compromise and concession continues in Europe, international pressure may be brought to bear on both China and Japan to end the war by negotiations.

Present international developments, Reuter's informants went on, destroyed all academic theories of international trade. Despite strenuous objections on the part of financial circles in London, who still favour free trade with China, they pointed out that they could at present only do business with foreign countries on a barter arrangement.

CHINA'S POSITION

This is because China could only obtain arms and ammunition by giving Chinese products in exchange.

Referring to economic conditions in China, these circles declared to Reuter that these have not undergone any drastic change as a result of the present hostilities.

The masses in China had limited economic requirements which were easily met by local resources.

The Sino-Japanese War had brought about no great social upheavals in China. The wealthy cultural classes remained as the dominating group in the Government, while the peasants and labourers still formed the mainstay of the Chinese Army.

SOVIET AID

Active assistance from Soviet Russia for China in the present war had naturally increased the prestige of the Soviet, but intelligent circles who, after all, ruled China, were firm in their belief that if China hoped to attain lasting peace and embark on a programme of reconstruction, she must turn to London and Washington.

The Chinese Communist Party, Reuter was informed, "cannot approach anywhere near the Kuomintang as regards position and power."—Reuter.

COUNT CIANO GIVES BRITAIN AN ASSURANCE

London, To-day.

Political quarters here express gratification that Count Ciano has assured the British Ambassador, Lord Perth, that Italy's attitude on Spain has not undergone any change since Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome.

The promise that Italian volunteers would be withdrawn immediately after the war has been won by Franco still holds good.

Lord Perth called upon Count Ciano yesterday after receiving instructions from the Foreign Office to call attention to the Gayda article on Sunday which stressed that Italian volunteers would not be withdrawn before General Franco had achieved a complete "political" victory. A military victory alone would not be enough Senator Gayda had said and the use of the vague phrase "political victory" by the Senator, whose view often reflects official Italian opinion, had led to some anxiety in British political quarters.—Trans-Ocean.

SHARP CLASH ON MANCHU BORDER

Moscow, To-day.

A collision between Soviet border guards and Japanese-Manchukuo troops on the Argun River is reported in an official communique.

The communique says that fifteen Japanese-Manchukuo troops were killed or wounded and one Soviet guard was killed and two wounded.—Reuter.

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OPERATIONS SPREAD IN NORTH HONAN

Loyang, To-day.

The sphere of operations in northern Honan has spread to Yuanwu, east of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, as a result of the Japanese drive.

The two forces, according to latest despatches, are now facing each other at Liupao, Chipao and the neighbourhood south of Yuanwu.

Taking the offensive recently, the Chinese defeated the Japanese at Muluantien, northeast of Wuchin.

The Japanese, retiring north, were ambushed at Newenchwang, and suffered further losses. — Central News.

TEMPTATION OF STREET FOUNTAIN

When Cheung Chau, building contractor, of No. 32, D'Aguilar Street, was summoned for using water from a public pipe for building construction at Lot 752, St. Francis Yard, he denied the charge, saying that the water was used for cooking purposes.

Mr. Cash overseer of Water Works, said he dealt with an application to instal domestic supply meters at I.L. 752. On inspection, he discovered that a block of six four-storeyed buildings had been erected, without a building supply. He asked the contractor where his water was obtained, and was told from wells, but witness found there were three wells on the lot, of which two had not been bored to water level, while supply from the third was practically nil.

In his opinion, buildings of this size would require about 123,000 gallons for construction and since the Government charged $1 for 1,000 gallons, the loss to revenue was about $125.

A public fountain was at the corner of the lot and as it was suspected that water for the building was obtained from that source, a watch was kept and 80 gallons of water were removed in 40 minutes, and taken into the building for construction purposes. Defendant was fined $150.

GREAT BRITAIN LOSES TITLE

Zurich, To-day.

In the World and European Ice Hockey Championships, Great Britain (holders of the European title) were eliminated yesterday when they were beaten by Canada 4-0 and by Germany 1-0 in the semi-final pool. —Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

The President of the Institute for Labour Exchange, Dr. Syrup, has been created a Secretary of State. — Trans-Ocean.

BERLIN DETECTS INFLUENCE OF ROOSEVELT

Berlin, To-day.

Commenting on the French Foreign Minister Bonnet's speech in the Senate, the "Deutsche Diplomatisch Politische Korrespondenz" says it shares M. Bonnet's hope of trustful co-operation between Germany and France, but goes on to criticise various passages in the speech.

Thus, according to the Korrespondenz, when M. Bonnet declares that France had neglected no effort to dissipate misunderstandings with Italy, he can scarcely expect the Italian Government to agree.

As regards Spain, M. Bonnet manifestly proceeds from the assumption that General Franco is willing to forget the cost to the Spanish nation in blood and treasure of the moral and material support furnished by Franco and other countries to the Republicans.

The organ also takes exception to M. Bonnet's affirmation that there is no nation whih cannot be absolutely sure that it will never be attacked by any of the three Democratic powers, France, England or the U.S.

This, says Korrespondenz, is doubtless true of the peoples of those three countries, but nevertheless Germany had recently observed signs of hostility on the part of the Government of one of those Democracies towards herself, and the highly aggressive remarks by a most responsible Democratic statesman had found, in many places in France, an echo hardly in keeping with the spirit of the Franco-German declaration. — Trans-Ocean.

In the course of his speech to the Senate, M. Bonnet declared that France would not allow any power to threaten the integrity of Spain.

NOT AN INCH

Rome, To-day.

Statements by M. Bonnet and M. Daladier in the course of the debate in the Senate on foreign affairs, have evoked unfavourable response in Italian official quarters.

Italian commentators see in the pronouncements, direct evidence of hardening of French opinion on the strength of the attitude adopted by President Roosevelt and of the British Prime Minister's declaration in the House of Commons in which he said that any threat to the vital interests of France would evoke immediate British co-operation.

Due notice is taken of the intention of France to defend every inch of its Empire although there is still the tendency to encourage the belief that Italy might be allowed to settle her account with France without Anglo-Italian relations being affected

France, says one Italian commentator, is now arrogating to herself the right to lay down conditions under which General Franco will seal his victory, despite the fact that France has made it quite plain he will demand as a preliminary to cessation of hostilities the complete capitulation of the Republican forces. — Trans-Ocean.

MILITARY TRAIN ATTACKED

Milo, Hunan, To-day.

Another Japanese military train was attacked and damaged by Chinese guerillas between Linsiang and Yunki on the Canton-Hankow Railway on Tuesday night.

The track between Yoyang and Puchi, recently repaired, has again been damaged. — Central News.

DOCTOR WHO GOT ANGRY

A Chinese doctor, Lau Cheong, of No. 99, Fa Yuen Street, was fined $5 and ordered to pay $2 compensation by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning at Kowloon when charged with assaulting a 13-year-old girl.

The girl spilled some water on the doctor's shoes from the verandah of No. 993, Canton Road, when the doctor was passing. He scolded her and when she answered him, slapped her.

PAOTOW CURFEW

Wuyuan, Suiyuan, To-day.

Curfew hours at Paotow begin at seven o'clock in the evening every day as a precaution against Chinese guerillas. — Central News.

FALL OF MADRID PRELIMINARY TO RECOGNITION

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening Standard" claims that he is in a position to state that the British and French Governments would regard the fall of Madrid as a preliminary condition for official recognition of the Franco Government.

Between London and Paris, complete agreement on this point is said to exist.

Moreover, it is not thought that Dr. Negrin's decision to reconstitute the Government of Republican Spain in Madrid gives any specially decisive ground for expecting serious continuation of the war.

It is, in London, believed rather that Dr. Negrin has taken the step in order to try to obtain more favourable conditions for peace.

Anglo-French efforts at mediation would, however, be "increased in difficulty," continues the correspondent, by a refusal of General Franco to accept anything but unconditional surrender of the Republicans as a basis for the conclusion of peace.— Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT SUED FOR £200,000

The action brought by Countess Stroganoff, a member of an ancient Russian family, against the Soviet Government for the recovery of over £200,000, the price paid for a part of the celebrated Stroganoff art collection, has opened in Berlin.

Countess Stroganoff, who is the widow of Count Serge Stroganoff, lives in Paris. She is claiming the money paid by buyers when the Russian authorities auctioned pictures by Rembrandt, Cranach, Malderus, Van Dyck and other old masters from the Stroganoff collection in Berlin in 1931.

The Soviet Government, she maintains, has sold property which is legally hers.

The action is being defended on behalf of the Russian Government by the commercial attache in Berlin.

GOLDEN SWORD FOR PRINCE ALI

Cairo, To-day.

The Saudi Arabian King, Ibn Saud, has presented the Egyptian Prince, Mohammed Ali, cousin of King Farouk, with a golden sword symbolizing the close and friendly relations between Saudi Arabia and Egypt. — Trans-Ocean.

Caught by a Chinese constable after snatching a pair of gold earrings from a woman in Argyle Street, Li Yiu, 21, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and ten strokes by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning at Kowloon.

News Snack Bar

A FAIR COP

She'll arrest attention . . . . . even if her duties as a policeman end there.

But, despite the official-looking badge and the business-like belt and holster film star Ann Sheridan wears, there should be quite a lot of competition to be taken in charge by her.

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ONLY TWO MILLIONS STERLING PER ANNUM

The Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda, who died on Tuesday, was reputed to have an annual income of over £2,000,000. He was the third wealthiest prince in India. He directed his whole energies to improving social conditions in Baroda and was the first Indian prince to introduce free schools for his subjects.

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HAND-PICKED IMMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA

A Canberra report says that 40,000 applications have been received by the Australian Government for landing permits from European fugitives. Some 1,700 applications have been granted, all hand-picked.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in London police courts:

Cyclist at Ealing: It was pouring with rain, and my bell was ringing wet.

Witness at Marylebone: To save my wife the trouble of counting, I sometimes do not give her any money, solely out of kindness of heart.

Man at Willesden: My wife didn't say anything when I came in a little later than usual. That, in itself, was most unusual.

SEX COUNCILS TO BE MERGED

Sex lectures for the poorer districts may be the result of a fusion between the country's two leading organisations for moral welfare.

Largely owing to the efforts of Dr. P. M. Herbert, fifty-four-year-old Bishop of Blackburn, a new Church of England Welfare Council has been formed by amalgamating the old Board for Moral Welfare and the White Cross League.

For a long time there has been very close co-operation between the two bodies, particularly in the work of the education committees. "But we have always felt that unity was what was really needed."

"The old Board used to confine its activities mainly to problems of sexual morality among women and girls. The White Cross League concentrated on men and boys. Now we hope to cover the whole field in one.

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RADIO VICAR TO REST

The Rev. Pat McCormick, vicar St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London (the radio church), who is suffering from heart trouble, has been taken to a nursing home, and is stated to be "gradually improving." He is to take a complete rest for some time.

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CROWNING GLORY — SEVEN FEET

A seventeen-year-old girl, whose hair is nearly seven feet long claims the world record for long tresses. She is Aiden Lunmi Borgohain, direct descendant of Konseng Borpatro Gohain hero of many battles in Assam, India.

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BE VOLUNTARY AND SWIFT

The Australian Cabinet, sitting at Hobart, has decided to organise a National Register for Australia, on a voluntary basis, against the recommendations contained in the Man-Power Committee's report.

It is understood that the decision was explained by a belief that the method of voluntary registration would enable completion in less time than if registration was made compulsory.

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BEFORE THE DELUGE

Torrential rains over an area which has just come through a period of 35 days during which the average mean maximum temperature was 108 degrees Fahrenheit, has caused suspension of road, rail and air services between Cairns and Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

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H.M.S. PHOENIX ATTRACTS INTEREST

Hundreds of people have visited the submarine, H.M.S. Phoenix, which from Hong Kong is making a tour of Australia ports. The submarine has been thrown open to inspection at Darwin. She is leaving soon for Thursday Island, Brisbane and Sydney.

ANOTHER OPERATION ON P.M.G.

The Postmaster-General (Major G. C. Tryon) yesterday had a successful second operation to complete his treatment in a London nursing home. The first operation was performed a fortnight ago. His condition is described as "most satisfactory."

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LONDONERS EAT CWT. MEAT A YEAR EACH

Londoners on an average eat over a hundredweight each of meat a year, according to figures for 1938 issued from Smithfield Market.

The 8,000,000 consumers within the twelve-mile radius of the Market disposed of 462,515 tons of meat and 35,442 tons of poultry, rabbits and eggs supplied through the Market.

Of the meat received at the Market, over 103,000 tons were home produce, over 144,000 tons Dominion produce and the remainder foreign. More than half of the 8,268 tons of rabbit sold through the Market were English, Irish or Scottish. Eggs sold amounted to 2,721 tons, of which 1,391 were home produce.

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PRINCESS HAS 'FLU

Princess Mafalda, second daughter of the King of Italy and wife of Prince Philippe of Hesse, is seriously ill in Rome with influenza. Queen Ioanna of Bulgaria, her younger sister, has left Sofia and is hurrying to her side. Queen Ioanna returned to Sofia last month after spending a holiday with her sister in Germany.

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CLUB FOR A.R.P. WORKERS

Club where A.R.P. workers, having completed their training, may meet for cards and dancing is to be sponsored by Cardiff's City Council. To keep volunteers' interest alive the council proposes to convert a large house at Llandaff for the purpose.

JUDGE TREED BY A LEOPARD

Mr. Justice Bennet, Judge at the High Court at Allahabad, India (knighted in the last Honours List), was attacked by a leopard while playing golf. He escaped by climbing a tree, and from his perch saw his caddie mauled by the leopard and seriously injured.

. . . Lord Northcliffe, of course, would have preferred it "Leopard Treed by Judge."

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in Highgate Police Court:

Witness, a man: I had no solid food all that day except for a little chewing-gum.

Lorry-driver: I would sooner smash into something than have an accident.

Woman: My husband ought to be earning more money. . . . His employer told me that there was plenty of scope for a dull chap.

SEEKS MUMMY OF HUSBAND OF MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS

Under a glass cover in the crypt of Faareveile Church, North Zealand, Denmark, lies a mummy. For many years it has been visited by tourists in the belief that it was the remains of James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell, one-time husband of Mary Queen of Scots.

Now it is to be examined by a special commission appointed by Denmark's Minister for Church Affairs. Its authenticity is to be put to a critical test.

The Commission's immediate task will be to examine the material collected by a committee which went into the question on behalf of a Copenhagen newspaper a few months ago.

The committee came to the conclusion that the mummy might quite likely be that of a one-time local sheriff, Chresten Petersen Poder . . . but that there was a possibility that another mummy, lying elsewhere in the vaults, was that of the Earl.

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CRUELTY TO A JUDGE

"It is idle for the defendant to come here and harrow my feeling," said Judge Archer, K.C., when pleas for sympathetic treatment were made to him at Lewes County Court. "I must not be blinded by sentiment, charity and pity. It is cruelty to the Court. It makes the Judge's task a painful one unnecessarily."

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NEW AIR LINER'S RECORD

Imperial Airways' latest liner Falcon, under command of Captain J. T. Percy, broke another commercial record when it flew from Croydon to Brussels in forty-eight minutes, at an average speed of 250 m.p.h. In addition to the captain, there were eleven passengers, three other crew, and a ton of freight on board.

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ARMS WORKERS THANKED

A reference to "impressive results already achieved under great difficulties" is made by Mr. Hore-Belisha, Secretary of State for War, in a message sent to employees at the Royal Ordnance factories. Mr. Hore-Belisha says that the results bear witness to the efficiency displayed by all concerned.

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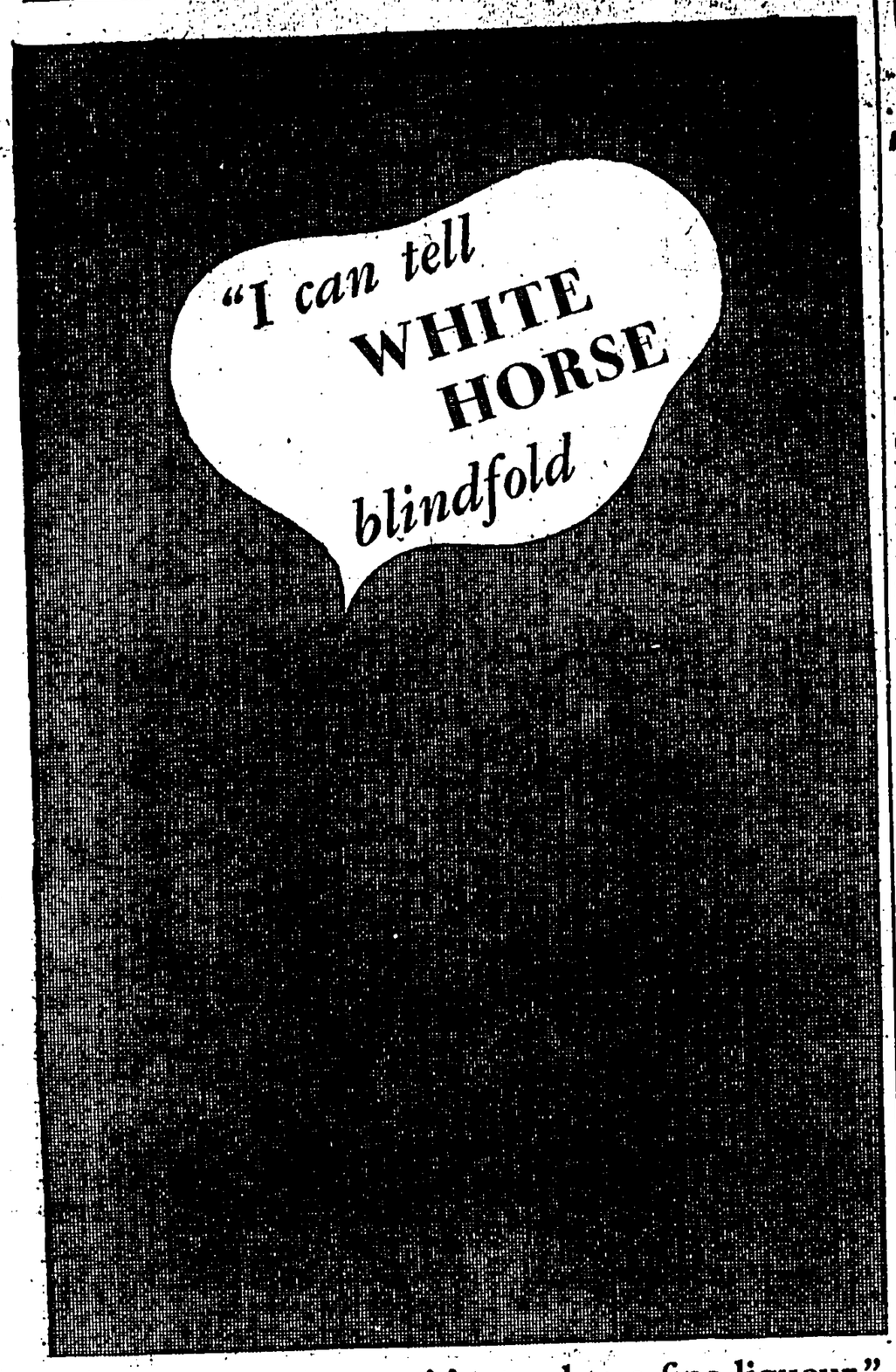
BILLIARDS HELP LIFEBOATS

The National Lifeboat Institution has received a gift of £2 2s. from Reading. It was collected during last year from visitors to the donor's house, who were asked to give something to the lifeboat service each time they used his billiards



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GRAPHIC RESCUE STOR

St. Vincent De Paul And Seizure By Japanese

Rescued after a dramatic dash from Weihaiwei to Tsingtao by H.M.S. Birmingham, the British-owned Shanghai coastal steamer, St. Vincent de Paul, has arrived in Shanghai following her prompt release by the Japanese authorities at Tsingtao after she had been detained by them on charges of smuggling arms and ammunition south of Haichow the same day.

A graphic description of the seizure of the ship and of the prompt action of the British naval authorities was given to a "North-China Daily News" reporter by Captain P. J. Maley, master of the St. Vincent de Paul, who jocularly remarked, when asked for a statement in connection with the incident, "They searched the ship and found nothing but pork. We were not carrying contraband, but general cargo."

The St. Vincent de Paul, which is owned by Messrs. Herlofson, Gordon and Reeves of Shanghai, and is at present on charter to a Chinese shipping firm, was seized by a Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser under Japanese orders when about nine miles out from Shayangkiang, south of Haichow. The master was then informed that his vessel would be detained on suspicion of having landed munitions of war at Haoschingken (Funing) and, together with two Norwegian vessels, the s.s. Haidah and the s.s. Havthor, held on the same charges, the St. Vincent de Paul was taken under armed escort to Tsingtao.

Twenty minutes after her arrival at the latter port, however, she was released, the British cruiser, H.M.S. Birmingham, steaming there at full speed from Weihaiwei, where she had picked up a wireless message from the British naval authorities in Shanghai to proceed to Tsingtao and "rescue" the detained ship.

Leaving Shanghai on January 21, Captain Maley told the reporter that on January 23 his ship arrived at Taoschingkeng, which was 30 miles up the Shayangkiang. On the following day they commenced to discharge their cargo. On this day, he added, and on January 25, two Japanese aeroplanes visited the port and flew low over the ship as she lay at anchor and then proceeded to circle round the vessel.

WATCHED BY 'PLANES

The next day (January 26) more aeroplanes visited the port and bombed two junks at the end of the creek about 500 yards away from the ship, Captain Maley explained. Later a godown was bombed with the loss of about twenty lives. Information was then received that the boom, situated five miles upriver, would be closed, and not wishing to be "locked" behind the boom Captain Maley decided to steam out of port and proceed homewards.

Describing the vessel's seizure, Capt. Maley continued, "We sailed outside the river for about nine miles and suddenly we were stopped by a Customs cruiser shortly before 7 a.m. on January 28. We were told to proceed to Tsingtao but I refused," he added. "Then, at 7 a.m., they boarded the ship and again requested that I proceed to Tsingtao. Again I refused. At 9 a.m. two more boats put off for my ship, one from the Customs cruiser and one from a Japanese destroyer which was standing by with another Japanese destroyer. They told me that if I did not go they would use armed force and only then I agreed to sail under protest."

Continuing his narrative Captain Maley stated that two Norwegian vessels which had been unloading cargo at Haoschingkeng at the same time, and had proceeded downriver, with the British vessel, were also seized and the three merchant ships were escorted to Tsingtao by the Customs cruiser, arriving there at 7 a.m. on Sunday.

SURPRISE

"Twenty minutes later" he added, "I was surprised and very thankful when I saw H.M.S. Birmingham steaming into harbour. Negotiations were then opened between the British Consul-General and the Japanese authorities, he continued, but without waiting for any results the commander of the Birmingham ordered me to 'have steam' and proceed out of harbour at 8 a.m. the following morning. On Monday he escorted me as far as Amherst Rocks and then left for Weihaiwei," Capt. Maley added.

Describing his surprise at seeing the British cruiser sailing in "half-an-hour astern of us," Captain Maley told the reporter that it was then that he realised that a wireless message had been sent by one of the two Norwegian ships, probably the s.s. Haidah. "Had the Birmingham met us at sea" he said, "it would have been a different story."

Unfortunately, he continued, the wireless operator of the St. Vincent de Paul, a Czechoslovakian, had missed the ship at Shanghai, and he believed that he had been detained in Hongkew while on his way to the vessel. The result was that there was nobody on board who understood wireless telegraphy, although, at the time of the seizure, both himself and the Chief Officer had attempted to send out messages.

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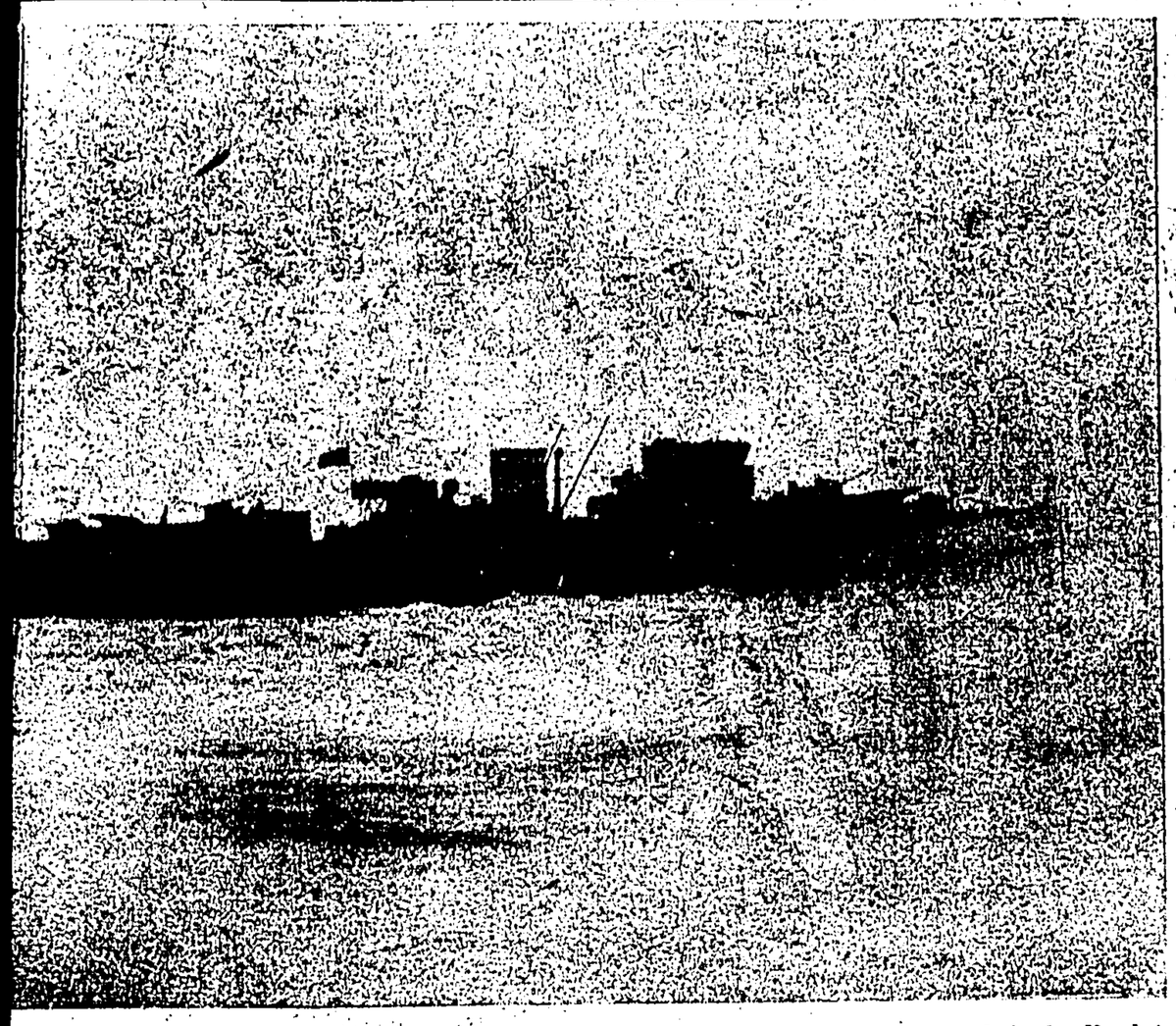

of time and weather, the ships of war must patrol the seas to carry on their deadly duty. Picture shows the Spanish Insurgent armed merchantman "Mar Negro" running into a f the coast of Minorca during her ceaseless prowl to catch enemy vessels.

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In Tsingtao, he continued, the Japanese authorities asked to see the ship's log and papers but were met with a polite but firm refusal and when the Birmingham arrived the Customs authorities, to everyone's surprise, denied having detained the British vessel by force.

"They just slipped up and didn't know which way to get out of it," added Capt. Maley. In the end the navy blamed the Customs and the Customs the navy and he was at a loss to know who would pay for the oil and demurrage.

Shortly after his arrival, Capt. Maley, who has been in Shanghai since 1920 when he left England, proceeded to the offices of the ship's owners and later to H.M. Consulate where he related his story of events on January 28.

INVESTIGATION HELD

An investigation into the charges against the St. Vincent de Paul was held in H.M. Consulate by naval and consular officials. It is understood that no evidence was forthcoming that the St. Vincent de Paul was carrying arms and ammunition for guerillas. No official announcement is possible until the report has been submitted to the competent authorities.

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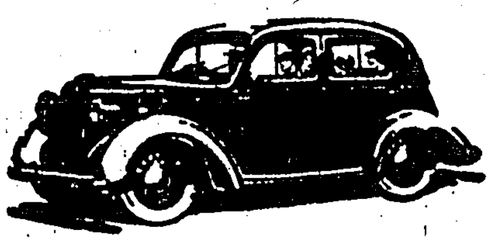

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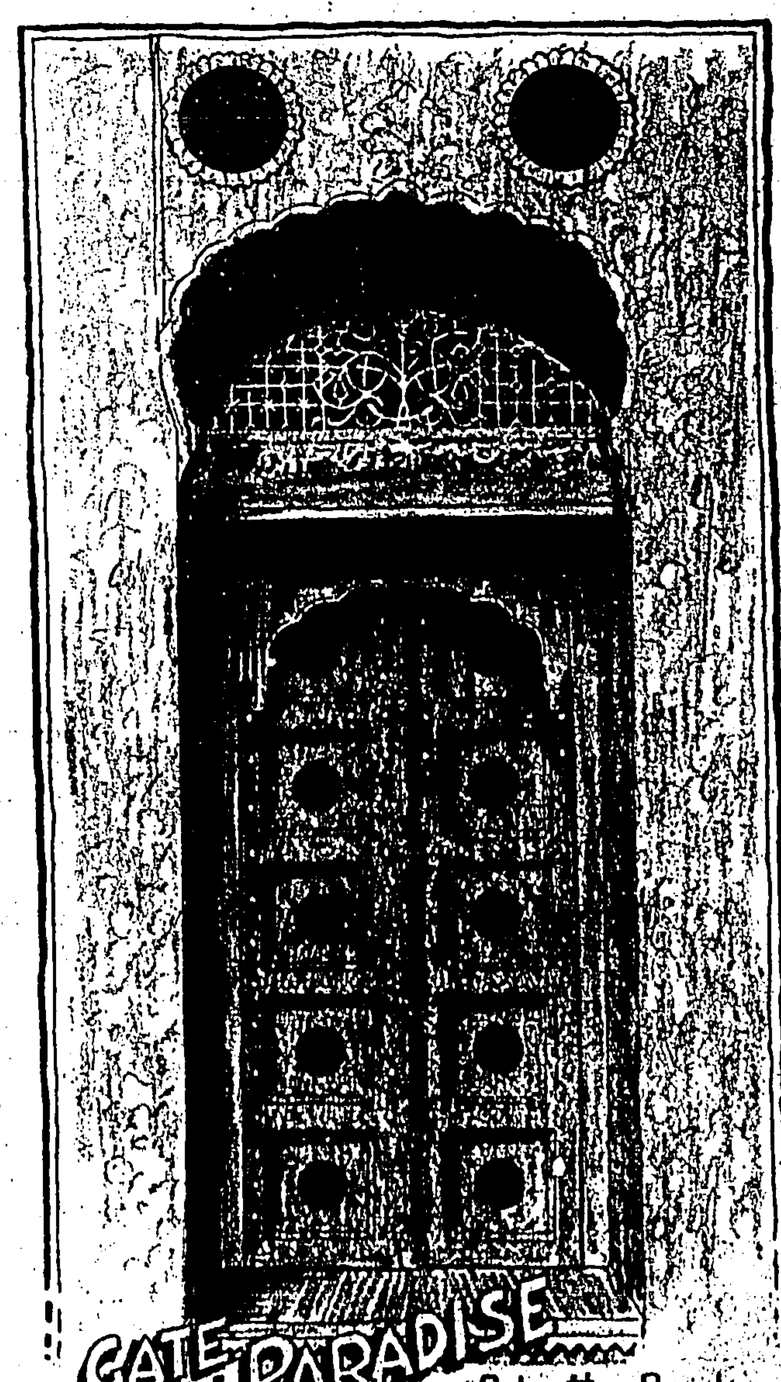

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This is how glamour grows...

It was a man who first got that silly idea about beauty being only skin deep. We women know better. We know all about walking, and sleeping, and eating the right kind of food at the right time.

Here's the biggest thing I've learnt about beauty in the year now dead. Beauties are made, not born.

You know, that's a comforting thought. It gives encouragement to everyone.

Even if you think you're plain and dull and drab, if you can't see in yourself a single one of the points of charm of the glamorous creatures you envy, don't sit down under it. Believe me, the women you think are beautiful have worked for it! Come on, and study yourself.

What are your possibilities?

Ought you to wear your hair piled up in curls. or slick and smooth, or in a long casual style?

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You've got to be an individual.

You must be up-to-date and know about the fashions; but where fashion doesn't suit you, disregard it boldly. Some people cling so anxiously and slavishly to fashion (as though to a life-belt) that it really seems as though they aimed at being ordinary!

It's not just your features and figure that count; its how you handle yourself. And that doesn't mean only grooming and carriage and attention to detail, important though they are. It means also how you handle yourself mentally.

Forgive an old, dull, undeniable truth: beauty does come largely from within. A happy face looks younger than a miserable one.

Here, in a nutshell, is the sum of my gleanings in this year of beauty, 1938.

Beauty is a combination of good looks, good grooming, intelligence (including attention to detail and general observation and knowledge of oneself) and consistency.

Now we must look ahead and apply the lesson. We must grab all we can from 1938 and use it in 1939.

First of all, your figure. Fresh fruit and vegetables are good.

When you want a snack, eat an apple rather than a cake or sandwich.

Don't sag and slouch when you sit. Move gracefully and freely when you walk.

Watch for any flabby roll at the waist or bulge on the hips, and oh—take the trouble to get the right corset belt! The wrong one can pull you into the funniest shapes; very unflattering to your clothes as well as your figure.

I don't have to remind you again, do I, to keep your skin CLEAN and clear?

Passing rapidly over that, however, allow me to remind you to trim your eyebrows and allow no stubble of roots to show.

What we have to aim at in the coming year is a transparent quality of the skin. Smooth, fine foundation. Exact blending and placing of rouge eyeshadow and lipstick.

The blue tones in lipsticks and rouges look new and dramatic, but they are hard colours and should be labelled "to be handled with care. See that they match each other exactly, and the nail varnish, too—and go easy with the rouge.

To console yourself, be rather dashing with the eyeshadow. Try one of the lovely iridescent ones

It's no good attempting to wear attractive new clothes either from style or colour point of view, unless you keep absolutely up-to-date with your make-up.

You mustn't take yourself for granted or think you can get away with old methods in 1939.

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Now I'm going to say something rather horrid. A fault is generally more noticeable than a good point. I'm sorry, but isn't it so?

So watch yourself carefully. And be consistent—don't slack off.

For instance, the new evening dresses show a lot of neck; give that its share of attention.

Keep your teeth in good order.

Brush your hair hard and shampoo it regularly; or do it as you may, there'll be no gloss or spring.

Spare some hand cream to keep your legs soft and smooth. Don't get them all red and chapped sitting too long against hot fires.

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A year for detail and for poise—that's the forecast for 1939. And don't get discouraged if through lack of confidence you don't develop poise immediately!

Remember this comforting utterance of my film star friend with whom I was reading a script the other day.

It was one of those Cinderella stories, about a dim, downtrodden girl whom nobody noticed. Then she suddenly had a windfall, bought some good clothes, looked transformed and lovely, and right away became preternaturally successful with everyone.

"How silly, making her be so glamorous the very first evening," said my film star friend impatiently. "Everybody knows that

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What The Stars Foretell

(By MARY BLAKE)

You may be judged by your moral rather than by your physical courage this day. Principles will be tested, so do not waiver in any firm conviction you have, especially if it involves a theory or doctrine that you have found helpful. An irresistible impulse to meddle in other people's affairs, will be the besetting sin of some of your friends, so you must be careful that they do not persuade you to do likewise. Before the day passes you are apt to have the opportunity to make some money. Be careful that you do not overlook it.

Through preoccupation there is danger of offence being given by failing to recognise someone or hearing something said for your personal benefit. Be very cautious in your dealings with erratic people, for capriciousness is liable to stir up trouble. Married and engaged couples, as well as those whose courtship is progressing, must bear in mind that indiscretions lead to disapproval, which, in turn, generally ends in a quarrel. Be wise and let every action and word reflect prudence.

If a woman and February 9 is your birthday you ought to be cheerful and fond of company. If you put inspirations to practical use, your achievements are likely to result in your becoming very prosperous You ought to have a remarkable amount of intuition which, if followed, generally will prove to be correct. Have faith in your common sense and endeavor to find your own solution to any personal problems. Be careful that false pride does not too often govern your tongue. You might discover that the test of friendship is the all mighty dollar. As a trained nurse, dietician, demonstrator, commercial executive, artist, author or publicity agent, there are no limitations as to the possibilities you are likely to have presented to you. Apparently you ought to marry, because every condition seems to be favourable for your having a happy domestic life.

The child born on February 9 is usually a pleasure-loving likeable youngster, given to teasing and exceptionally adroit in getting its own way. Life is as a rule exceptionally kind to those born on this date.

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BE ORIGINAL IN ENSEMBLE

There are many fascinating combinations of colours and ornaments with which you can amuse yourself, and make-up of amazing hues for accet or delightful colour contrast.

With a clear red gown wear a watching make-up—shop until you find the exact shade. Adorn your coiffure with a fetching gold star or other jeweled ornament and have gold kid slippers twinkling with jewels or sequins, peek from beneath your voluminous skirt.

Green dresses with clear scarlet contrasts are most fetching, if you are young and vivacious, and the newer fuschia shades blend beautifully with brilliant reds. Point these up with either silver or gold accessories, contrasting lip and cheek colouring.

If you prefer a black gown then by all means do something interesting with both the season's colours and tack on a bit of sparkle here and there. To be novel use entire orchid make-up—powders, rouge, lipstick and eye glamour when you wear all black, all white or a fuschia tone.

Glitter being the order of the day be daring and glitter—even though it is a peculiar complement to the fragility of the New Beauty. Sprinkle sequins on your brightly lacquered nails and pin up your hair in a sequined or jewel-studded snood. Or tuck the gayest of posies into your hair. And try highlighting your hair with gold powder which brushes out easily after the ball is over!

SAVOURY POTATOES

Dice four ounces of ham and put into a stewpan or casserole. Sprinkle with a tablespoonful of flour, and when the fat runs put in a large thinly sliced onion and a pound of potatoes cup up into cubes about the size of a walnut. Stir together for five minutes, sprinkle with pepper and salt, and add enough milk and water almost to cover the potatoes. Put on the lid and simmer gently until the potatoes are soft. Sir now and again, but do not mash up the potatoes. They should be soft and should absorb most of the liquid. Sprinkle with grated cheese before serving. If liked, they can be put under the grill to brown with the cheese on top.

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Use a small wire tea-strainer when lifting eggs out of a saucepan of boiling water.

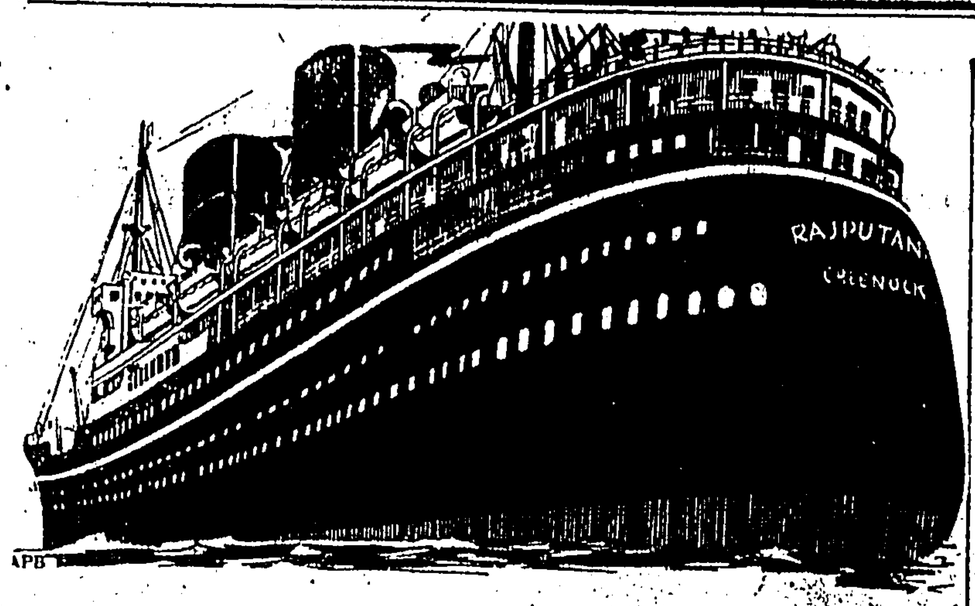
Pieces Of Velvet

Old velvet jarkets or frocks and odd pieces of velvet and velveteen bought at the sales are well worth collecting, as they will serve many household purposes. Most people admit that a velvet pad is unsurpassed for giving the final polish to shoes, but too often the pad becomes so encrusted with polish and dust as to be useless for this purpose. A supply of pieces of velvet should be kept handy for tacking on to the pad as the surface becomes worn. A velvet pad should also be kept for giving the final smoothing to the hair. Lightly used, a velvet pad will remove bits of fluff from dark clothes and dust from hats. Small pieces of velvet also make good alternatives for the manicuring chamois. Velvet makes a good final polisher for furniture and delicate surfaces.

Witty Kitty

A barking dog may not bite but he certainly can get under one's skin.

"The newest wrinkles," says ageing Elise, "always seems to be something or other to rid a woman of wrinkles."



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Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 12th Jan.	Hakone Maru	February 10.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	February 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Behar	February 10.
Saigon	Laos	February 10.
Java	Tjibadak	February 10.
Toba Maru ..... February 8.		
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 4th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane,	February 11.
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Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	February 11.
Manila	Stentor	February 12.
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	THURSDAY	
Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow and Foochow	Emp. of Russia	Feb. 9, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 16th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Feb. 9,
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 18th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Feb. 9,
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		G.P.O.
		Reg., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
		Ord., Feb. 9, 7 p.m.
	FRIDAY	
Manila	Empress of Rusia	Fri., Feb. 10,
		K.P.O.
		Reg., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
		Ord., Feb. 10, 5.30 p.m.
		G.P.O.
		Reg., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
		Ord., Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
Saigon	Lycaon	Feb. 10, 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Kiangsu	Feb. 10, Noon.
Haiphong	Canton	Feb. 10, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Hakone Maru	Feb. 10, 3.30 p.m.
	SATURDAY	
Sandakan	Mausang	Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 21st Feb.	Katori Maru	Sat., Feb. 11,
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		Reg., Feb. 11, 9.30 a.m.
		Ord., Feb. 11, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South America, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th March.	Katori Maru	Sat., Feb. 11,
		G.P.O. and K.P.O.
		Reg., Feb. 11, 9.45 a.m.
		Ord., Feb. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow	Muinam	Feb. 11, 11.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Yusang	Feb. 11, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Prominent	Feb. 11, 3.30 p.m.
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		Par., Feb. 11, 2 p.m.
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		Ord., Feb. 11, 4.30 p.m.
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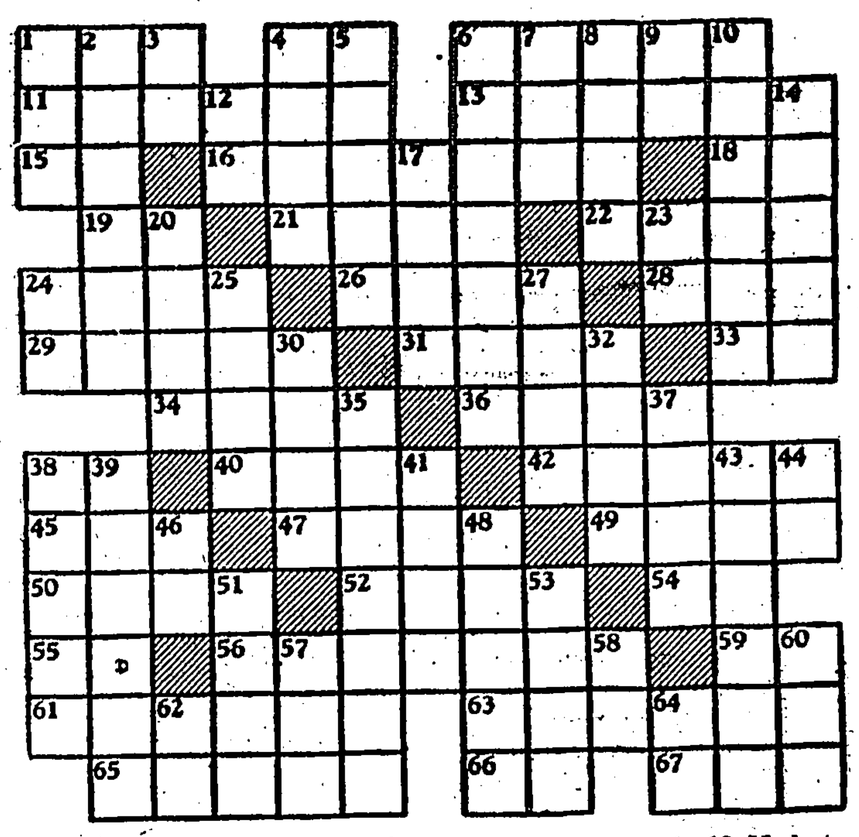

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8 Mad
11 Pertaining to anode
13 Rubber
15 Greek letter
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18 Greek letter
19 Egyptian deity
21 Porch
22 To disparage
24 To correct
26 Topers
28 Epoch
29 Flower
31 Rent
33 Spanish article
34 Ox of Celebes
36 Molds
38 Conjunction
40 Hardy heroine
42 River mouth
45 Swiss river
47 Speck
49 Missile
50 Hastened
52 Mental image
54 River of Europe
55 Note of scale
56 To adapt
59 Pronoun
61 Long bench
63 Mexican cloak
65 Highways
66 Plural suffix
67 Cry of cat

VERTICAL

1 Tribe of Israel
2 Hardens
3 To proceed
4 Sculls
5 Musical signs
6 Connected
7 Land measure
8 Low
9 Exists
10 Modest
12 Colloquial: to cheat
14 Rustic
17 Water fowl
20 Pilaster
23 French article
24 Parent
25 Small depression
27 Uttered
30 Deers
32 Pastoral pipe
35 Yearns
37 To strike
38 Kilns
39 Fencing sword
41 Popular beverage
43 Theatrical company
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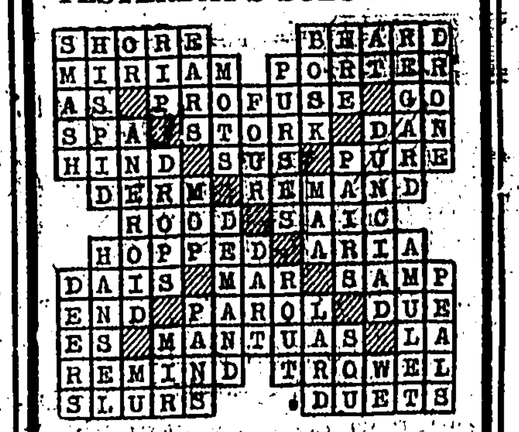

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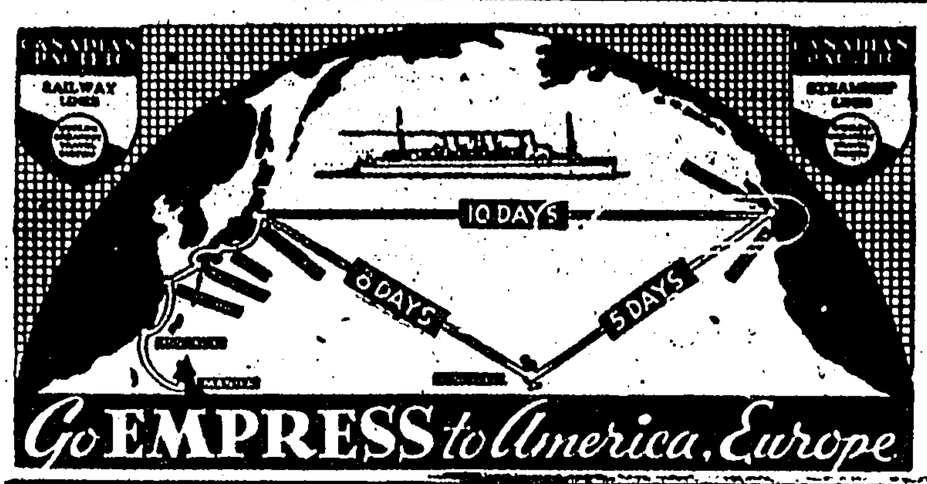

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SINGAPORE STOCKS

Quotations of 12 leading Singapore stocks received by Messrs. Ellis and Edgar from Messrs. J. M. Sassoon and Co., Singapore, dated February 2nd, 1939.

	Middle Price
Rubber Shares	
Amalgamated Malay Estate Ltd.	$ 1.45
Kempas Limited	1.70
Kuala Sidim Rubber Co., Ltd.	2.10
Pajam Limited	1.65
Sungei Bagan Rubber Estate Ltd.	1.22½
Tapah Rubber Estate Ltd.	1.65
Tin Shares	
Petaling Tin Ltd.	6.50
Sungei Luas Tin Dredging Ltd.	1.42½
Industrials	
Straits Trading Co., Ltd.	25.50
United Engineers Ltd. (Ordinary)	8.20
Wearne Brothers Ltd.	13.25
Gold	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	4.25

The above quotations are in Straits dollars.

FORMER ATHLETE ALMOST A CRIPPLE

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In his youth, this man was a great runner and footballer, but in middle age the fettering pains of rheumatism bound him hand and foot. After such an active life as his had been, this loss of freedom of movement was particularly unbearable. Here he tells of his successful cure:—

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NEW GUNBOATS FOR THE YANGTSE FLOTILLA

The second of two shallow-draft river gunboats for the Yangtse flotilla building at the Thornycroft yard at Southampton, H.M.S. "Grasshopper" was successfully launched on January 19th. These vessels will have a displacement of 585 tons and embody considerable improvements in armament, which consists of 4in. guns, protection and living accommodation for the crew of 74, when compared with earlier types.

It is interesting to recall that the first naval vessels to navigate the upper Yangtse were the British river gunboats "Woodcock" and "Woodlark", built by the same firm in 1898—forerunners of the type of which the "Grasshopper" is the latest example. So great was the success of these boats that several foreign navies placed orders for similar craft. A special feature of these was the tunnel form of stern, which permitted the employment of propellers of considerably greater diameter than the draft of the vessels.

Until recently it was the practice to send these gunboats out in sections to be re-erected on the river. The "Grasshopper" and "Dragonfly," however, will be completed at the Southampton yard and will steam out to their destination. This is rendered possible by their increased size and draft over the original type and because, though built of light scantlings, they are in reality very strong.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/8 and forward at 19-3/4.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.6856 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.$4.68-5/8.

PINGHU SIEGE

Kinhwa, Chekiang, To-day.

Chinese troops are laying siege to Pinghu, on the north bank of Hangchow Bay. The Japanese have retired into the city.

A Japanese unit from Kashing, is attacking Wuchen, to the west of Kashing.—Central News.

Mr. W. Woodward, of No. 462, The Peak, between 5.30 and 7 p.m. yesterday, lost his motor car, No. 216, stolen when parked in Connaught Road Central near the Star Ferry wharf.

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A girl of eighteen was taken to the Brook L.C.C. Hospital, Shooters Hill, S.E., suffering from infantile paralysis.

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And the doctors tell her not to worry as she should be out of the lung altogether—if not out of the hospital—before the birth of her baby in little more than two months' time.

MONGOL SUPPORT IN SUIYUAN

Chungking, To-day.

The Mongols in Suiyuan are unanimous in their support of the National Government in the war of resistance, declared Prince Sha, Chairman of the Suiyuan Mongolian Political Council, who arrived here from Shensi by plane yesterday.

The Mongolian prince was accompanied by his wife and son and was greeted at the airdrome by representatives of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan.—Central News.

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

THE FOLLOWING 9 GROUPS OF 4 NUMBERS, IN THE ABOVE SQUARES, ADD TO EXACTLY 34: (3,2,15,14); (5,9,8,12); (10,11,6,7); (2,5,15,12); (3,9,14,8); (3,10,6,15); (2,11,7,14); (5,10,11,8) AND (9,6,7,12).

HERE'S YOUR PROBLEM. WRITE 4 CERTAIN NUMBERS IN THE 4 EMPTY SQUARES THAT WILL ADD TO 34. THEY MUST BE PLACED SO THAT THE COMBINED 4 NUMBERS IN EACH OF THE 6 ROWS, INDICATED BY THE ARROWS, WILL ALSO ADD TO EXACTLY 34.

A.W. NUGENT

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Nest (plus) 1—Stone (plus) Wheel—Heel (plus) ark (equals) Newark.

Answer to-morrow.

B.F.R.D.C. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of The British Fund for Relief a Distress in China, Hong Kong & South China Branch.

Previously acknowledged ..	$427,550.99
St. Joseph's College Student Relief Association, H.K.	33.67
Vegetable, Fruit, Owner and Employee Guild	1,000.00
The St. Stephen's Girls' College	79.83
Messrs. Shi Hop Tong	5.00
	$428,669.49

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank $1390 b., $1412½ s., $1395 sa., c. d.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. $210 b., $220 s.
Union Ins. $462½ b.
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Douglases $65 b.

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Providents (Old) $6.55 b., $6½ sa.
Providents (New) $6.30 b.

MINING

Antamoks Ps. .42 sa.
Atoks Ps. .35 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .25½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .46½ sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .0025 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .12½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 1.76 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .22½ sa.
United Paracales Ps. .66 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and Hotels $6.70 b.
H. K. Lands $36¼ b.
Chinese Estates $97 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways $17½ s.
Star Ferries $73 b.
Yaumati Ferries (Old) $22¾ b.
Macao Electrics $17¾ b., $18¼ s.
Sandakan Lights $10 b., $10¼ s.
Telephones (Old). $23 b.

INDUSTRIALS

H. K. Ropes $4.10 b.

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Wing On (H.K.) $38½ b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments $7 b.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/- 14/6 b.
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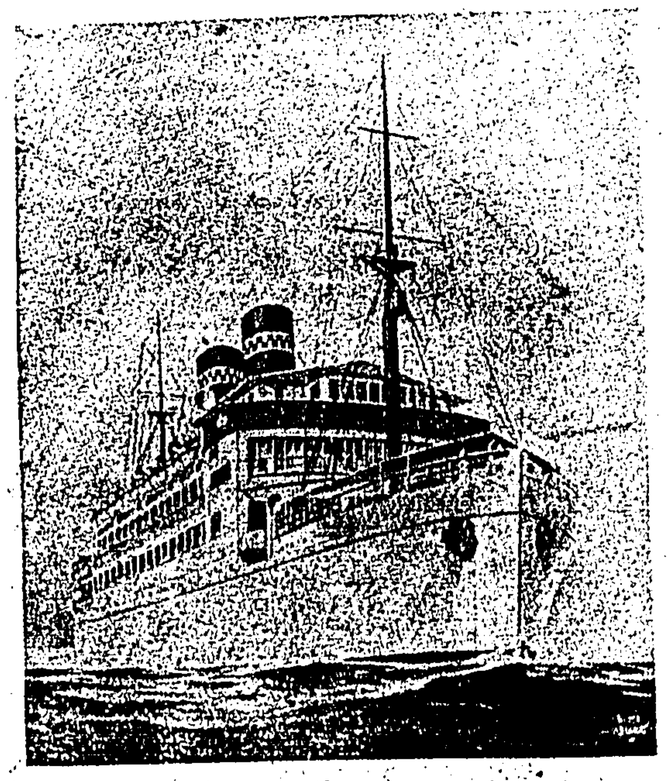

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E. Zimmern, E. L. Gosano Head Senior Cricket Averages

Capt. Carless And A.V. Gosano Lead Juniors

(By "ADREM")

Chief feature of the Senior cricket averages appended, is the very small number of batsmen who have qualified.

Only 16 have averages of 20 or over and many of these figures have been bolstered by not outs.

E. Zimmern heads the batsmen followed by H. Owen Hughes, who had a big innings against Navy, and A. H. Madar.

Recreio's position in the League table is reflected in the bowling figures of E. L. Gosano and H. L. Ozorio. Only in their last game against I.R.C. did skipper Rodrigues find it necessary to call upon any bowlers in addition to these two.

Special mention must be made of A. H. Madar's figures. Essentially a change bowler up to a couple of seasons ago, he has now developed into the most consistent bowler in the I.R.C. side.

As is only to be expected, J. L. Stephens, and B. D. Lay, the two League centurians, are prominent in the Junior batting averages. Finest figures, however, have been returned by youthful G. N. Gosano, who left school only a couple of months ago.

This fine all-rounder is also well up in the bowling, although his brother "A. V.," who has been remarkably consistent, heads the list.

First Division

BATTING

(Qualification—Two innings, average of 20 or over.)

	Inns.	H.S.	Not Out	Aggr.	Av.
E. Zimmern	3	46*	2	70	70.00
H. Owen Hughes	3	64*	1	109	54.50
A. H. Madar	3	48*	1	103	51.50
Capt. Whitmarsh	2	50*	1	50	50.00
S. V. Gittins	2	27	1	45	45.00
L. G. Gosano	3	51*	1	75	37.50
J. L. C. Pearce	2	39	—	75	37.50
T. A. Pearce	3	37*	1	73	36.50
Major Murray	2	31	—	60	30.00
G. Guterres	2	27*	1	27	27.00
G. C. Burnett	3	32	—	75	25.00
E. L. Gosano	3	41	—	71	23.67
N. D. Lloyd	3	16	2	23	23.00
D. J. N. Anderson	3	41	—	66	22.00
A. K. Ismail	3	23*	1	43	21.50
R. T. Broadbridge	3	29	—	61	20.33

BOWLING

(Qualification—Two matches, average of 15 or under.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
E. L. Gosano	31.1	12	49	13	3.71
A. H. Madar	31	8	68	13	5.23
N. Whitley	4.2	0	18	3	6.00
G. P. Longfield	21.5	2	64	10	6.40
H. L. Ozorio	32.4	10	90	14	6.43
D. J. N. Anderson	16	4	47	7	6.71
R. E. Lee	35.4	14	82	12	6.83
J. L. C. Pearce	14	0	57	8	7.13
A. K. Ismail	26	2	83	9	9.22
A. E. Perry	33.5	7	98	10	9.80
A. R. Minu	49.5	12	120	11	10.91
Pte. Hatfield	42	9	100	10	11.00
P. J. Billimoria	25	5	103	8	12.88
A. M. Rumjahn	12	0	52	4	13.00
D. McLellan	31	4	116	8	14.50
N. D. Lloyd	20	4	74	5	14.80

Second Division

BATTING

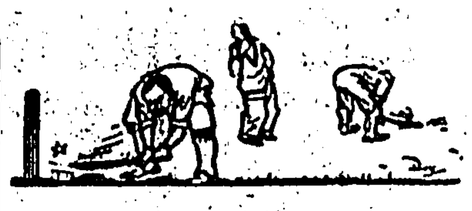
(Qualification—Three innings, average of 20 or over.)

	Inns.	H.S.	Not Out	Aggr.	Av.
Capt. Carless	3	57*	2	63	63.00
J. L. Stephens	3	100*	1	115	57.50
G. N. Gosano	4	59*	1	159	53.00
H. P. Lim	3	37	1	105	52.50
A. Bakar	3	71*	1	102	51.00
B. D. Lay	4	111*	1	151	50.33
E. J. R. Mitchell	3	25*	2	50	50.00
C. W. E. Bishop	4	81	1	144	48.00
J. Fong	4	47	1	132	44.00
Spr. Ratcliffe	4	75*	2	82	41.00
Cpl. Webb	4	67	0	164	40.10
J. Barrow	4	33	1	106	35.33
H. J. Armstrong	4	77	0	120	30.00
Ldg. Tel. Wood	3	12*	2	27	27.00
L/S. Smith	4	44	0	103	25.75
B. C. Fay	3	50	0	72	24.00
H. T. Barma	3	46	0	72	24.00
N. P. Fox	4	35	0	94	23.50
W. Mulcahy	4	35*	1	68	22.67
G. Hong Choy	4	41	0	90	22.50
K. Y. Tam	4	46	0	89	22.25
F. A. Curreem	3	20*	2	22	22.00

BOWLING

(Qualification—Three matches, average of 20 or under).

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
A. V. Gosano	35.5	13	60	10	6.00
R. Soares	37.4	6	92	14	6.57
A. M. Omar	44	17	88	13	6.77
G. N. Gosano	23.5	5	62	9	6.89
Ldg. Sto. Wood	56.5	17	124	14	8.86
W. S. Gegg	40	12	90	10	9.00
B. G. Baker	21	0	75	8	9.38
G. Hong Choy	22.3	5	76	8	9.50
B. C. Fay	25.4	9	67	6	11.17
Lt. Comdr. Finnie	27	3	117	10	11.70
C. Pope	37.2	6	102	8	12.75
Capt. Carless	29	7	95	7	13.57
R. Baldwin	22	1	69	5	13.80
D. S. Robb	35	3	144	10	14.40
G. E. Taylor	21	5	87	6	14.50
W. K. Way	14	4	59	4	14.75
R. A. J. Simpson	29	3	119	8	14.88
P. S. M. Patterson	43	5	138	9	15.33
M. R. Abbas	36	4	125	8	15.63
C. H. Teoh	26.1	4	98	6	16.33
L. Buckle	33	3	119	7	17.00
K. L. Ng	32	5	92	5	18.40
W. Stoker	42.2	9	154	8	19.25



FOURTH CRICKET TEST MATCH

Nine of S. Africa's Side Officially Chosen

DAVIES AND WADE EXCLUDED

(By AIR MAIL)

Johannesburg.

South Africa has officially chosen the following nine players for the fourth Test match against England, beginning here on February 18:—

A. Melville (Transvaal), captain,
B. Mitchell (Transvaal),
A. D. Nourse (Natal),
K. Viljoen (Transvaal),
E. A. Rowan (Transvaal),
P. G. M. Van Der Byr (Western Province),
E. L. Dalton (Natal),
A. B. C. Langton (Transvaal), and
N. Gordon (Transvaal).

The remaining two members will be probably chosen after the M.C.C.'s next match against the Combaned Transvaal XI. which begins here on Friday.

ABSENTEES

All the selected nine played in the last Test. Notable absentees compared with the last Test side are E. Q. Davies, the fast bowler, and W. W. Wade, the wicketkeeper.

They will not have a chance of rehabilitating themselves—neither showed his best form in the last Test—because they are not included in the Combined Transvaal XI, which will be:—A. Melville, B. Mitchell, S. M. Curnow, E. A. Rowan, K. Viljoen, A. W. Briscoe, L. Brown, S. Newson, J. Wickham, S. F. Viljoen, and R. Grieveson.—Press Association.

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"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

Donald Budge's Good Intentions

J. Donald Budge ran a hand through his bright pink hair and said that he would defend the honour of professional tennis to the best of his ability.

The honour of professional tennis is not exactly at stake, but now and then during the last few years you may have heard it said that the best of the pros—principally H. Ellsworth Vines and F. J. Perry — did not always do their hardest to win on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays when there was more paper than money in the house and Vines had a stomach ache or Perry had the hives.

On their first tour, these two Rover boys finished pretty nearly even in a long series of matches, one winning one day, the other the next. It didn't seem to the public as though any two tennis players in the world could be as closely matched as all that, with so long a time at their disposal to settle the matter one way or the other.

The public was right. Vines proved it the following year, on the second tour. He whipped Perry pretty much at will. This time young Ellsworth had an objective—the rich privilege of meeting Budge in 1939—and he didn't mean to be baulked. He wasn't, Perry has all the vanity and personal pride of the average big league tennis star, but he admits now that Vines has his number, and that is something he wouldn't admit under five relays of rubber hose if he thought otherwise.

J. Donald Budge says he means to avoid all possibility of misunderstanding in his own tour with Vines, which has already started.

"There won't be any Monday-Tuesday Alphonse-Gaston stuff," he announced firmly at his training quarters where he has cut down his ration of Goodman and Dorsey records and is going to bed every night at 9—well, call it 10. "If I can go out there and beat Vines 15 matches in a row, I'll do it. Pro. tennis is strictly on the level, and there won't be any jockeying around for bigger and better gates. The best guy is going to win."

Budge does not claim to be the best player. In fact, he concedes the possibility of Vines winning the first 15 matches in a row, or the first 20. But nobody will be more surprised than Budge if that happens. The big, pink power hitter is drooling confidence at every pore, as they say at Johns Hopkins.

"I know I can beat Elly when he hasn't got the touch," he said. "When he has got the touch, nobody in the world can beat him. But there's more margin for error in my game than there is in Vines'. He has to be absolutely right.

"The lights won't bother me, or the indoor surface. My game is about right. I'm in training, and I'll stay that way. I haven't got anything to beat but Vines this time. Vines is just the best there is, that's all."

TO-DAY'S TENNIS AT K.C.C.

The visiting Shanghai Chinese Student Tennis players will be entertained by Kowloon Cricket Club this afternoon, at 4 p.m. when they will be opposed by E. C. Fincher, A. E. P. Guest, A. Crawford, S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett.

T. C. LO'S ALL-ROUND FEAT

At Indian Recreation Club yesterday, Queen's College beat Ellis Kadoorie Indian School by 5 runs.

T. C. Ho, of Queen's, was associated with N. Singh in a last-wicket stand of 43 and then went on to take 7 wickets for 20 runs.

Queen's:—95 (T. C. Lo 22, N. Singh 37 not out; Arculli 4 for 28, S. K. Khan 4 for 40).

Ellis Kadoorie:—90 (K. Bachoo 21, S. K. Khan 17; T. C. Lo 7 for 20).

One Surprise In Colony's Hockey Team

PYARA SINGH AT INSIDE RIGHT

(By "STICKS")

The selection of Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.) instead of Lt. Cdr. Kennedy (Eagle), is the only surprise in the Colony's hockey team to meet Macao on February 19 at Macao.

The final selections were probably based on yesterday's practice match in which Interport players were opposed to a Combined Indian team and won by the odd goal in three.

The game was played on the Army ground at King's Park, which is probably the worst in the Colony. The very bumpy nature of the ground made ball control almost an impossibility and with the exception of a few concerted movements by the Indian team, the match was very disappointing and taught us nothing new.

TOO INDIVIDUALISTIC

Pyara Singh scored one of the goals, but I doubt very much whether he will fit in with Fowler, on the Colony's right-wing, as he is too much of an individualist.

Kennedy was no worse than any of the other forwards on yesterday's display, and probably the worst players on view were the Colony wingers, S. A. Fowler and Partaub Singh, who could accomplish little. Indeed, the left-winger, was absolutely helpless against a Kumaon Regt. full-back.

BETTER COMBINATION

Hook, Reed and Malik were a better combination than Marques, Reed and Whitley, but then Marques and Whitley saw little of the ball as they were only on view during the second half.

Malik's selection is probably based on the fact that he will be playing behind an Indian combination in Nerain Singh and Partaub Singh, while Hook was a certainty.

The Colony's full-back combination was poor yesterday in comparison to previous outings and only Bond shone. Gonsalves was very sluggish and was often passed quite comfortably by Gurbachan Singh, who played a very good game as the Indians' centre forward.

Having watched Macao in action last Sunday against the Army at Sookunpoo, I am firmly convinced that unless the Colony team shows a 50 per cent. improvement before the Interport match, they will leave the field the losers.

COLONY'S HOCKEY TEAM CHOSEN

The hockey team to represent the Colony against Macao at Macao on February 19, was selected as follows:—

Lieut. Goodwin (Navy).

V. Bond (Club).
J. Gonsalves (Recreio).

Lieut. Hook (Army).
W. A. Reed (Club).
M. Malik (K.I.T.C.).

S. Fowler (C.B.A.).
Pyara Singh (Indians).
Pritham Nath (Army).
Nerain Singh (Army).

LOCAL SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

IT is a little early to be picking the Derby winner—the race is on the 27th—but I feel confident that there are four ponies which will require very careful consideration before the gate goes up.

1. Eve of Harvest
2. Lilliber
3. Hyndford Bridge
4. Navylight

The above are not given in any special order of merit as I consider them all much of a muchness at the moment.

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WON TWICE RUNNING

THE Eve stable won the Blue Riband in 1936 and 1937 with Honeymoon Eve and Happy Eve, and in Eve of Harvest they have a grand pony. Mr. Bradbury, owner of Lilliber, had bad luck with Royal Scot in 1936 and missed an opportunity of purchasing Silkylight, last year's winner . . . Third time lucky?

Mrs. Pearce's Trentbridge won the 1933 Derby, and I understand that Mr. Needa will be wearing her colours on Hyndford Bridge—he has ridden three of the last six Derby winners.

Mr. Moller's Silkylight, undisputed 1938 champion China pony, won the Derby last year, and the whisper is going about that in Navylight he has another crackerjack. His son, whom I considered the cleverest jockey down here in 1938, will again be in the saddle.

CRICKET PROBLEM

THE premier Cricket League produced five outright wins and three draws in the first two weeks. This state of affairs is considerably better than I expected after the opening day's programme. The advisability of continuing half day League cricket, however, will cause discussion before the end of the season. Unless something sensational happens, I cannot see Club, Indian R.C. or K.C.C. losing a match of 225 minutes duration, in which case there is a distinct chance of a triple tie—last year I.R.C. and C.C.C. were joint champions after two play-offs!

The solution is not easy to find when one realises that opinion against Sunday League cricket is overwhelming. Time limit per innings has been forwarded in the past, but has never got further than mild discussion, but I don't think an equal number of overs has been seriously considered as yet.

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INTERESTING STATISTICS

GOING a step further in the argument for "overs matches," I give below a table that speaks for itself. It is based on the first three matches of each Club in the present Senior League:

	Overs Rec.	Runs Scored	Avge. Runs Per Over	Avge. Runs Per Wkt.
Army	75	237	3.20	7.90
*C.C.C.	116.4	333	2.86	12.33
C.S.C.C.	94.2	273	2.89	9.10
H.K.C.C.	99	407	4.11	23.94
*I.R.C.	86.3	292	3.38	12.69
K.C.C.	126	500	3.96	20.83
Navy	83	257	3.09	9.51
Recreio	100.2	358	3.57	14.32

* Joint champions.

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30 OR 35 OVERS

SOME bowlers take longer to bowl an over than others, but this factor would not enter into the question as a stipulated number of overs—30 or 35—would be laid down per innings. The main objection would be a tendency towards "too bright" cricket and possibly damaging encouragement for the usual tailenders capable of spasmodic "fireworks."

The shortness of playing time and the easy manner in which teams can play for draws has dampened the spirits of many erstwhile enthusiasts and I submit the above only as a suggestion, and I would welcome criticism on the subject or even other suggestions to give local cricket a fillip.

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RUGBY'S TEAM WORK

"IT'S a great game this Rugger and above all a team game. This is exemplified in the dictum I was taught when young—'It doesn't matter who scores the try as long as it is scored!' "

So wrote Dr. E. S. Lawrie, president, of the Malayan Rugby Union, 1938-39.

Hong Kong have a very useful, well-balanced side to meet All-Malaya next Saturday, and so long as they keep the above dictum in mind I have confidence in their ability to win. When two good sides are in opposition the possibilities of individual brilliance are greatly minimised, and combination tells its story.

Tht reverse pass is a deadly weapon when a back division finds itself up against a rock-like defence, while the cross kick, all too seldom exploited locally, also catches the opposing defence on the wrong foot. The "sale of the dummy", unless really well done, is becoming old fashioned and can never succeed if the opposite number goes for the man with the ball.

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POLICE CRICKET LOSS

GINGER BAKER, backbone of the Police attack and probably the most consistent bowler in the Junior Cricket League, is going on Home leave on the 21st by Empress of Canada. This will be a bitter blow to P.R.C. championship hopes, but they have some consolation in the fact that B. C. Fay, their latest acquisition, is likely to prove to be the best all-rounder in the Second Division. Police are a pleasure to play against and I for one would like to see them win the trophy.

F. Baker is back and Civil Service should be all the stronger for his inclusion in their senior eleven. With Baker, A. E. Perry and D. McLellan for their attack and Dicky Richardson, W. H. Colledge, R. H. Griffiths and Arthur Lay, in addition to Perry and McLellan, as established batsmen Civil Servants are going to be hard to beat.

Two other sportsmen to return from leave are Arthur Grimmitt, Civil Service lawn bowler, and Billie Walker of Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

SHANGHAI TENNIS PLAYERS WIN IN MACAO

But P. K. Tong Loses In Singles

Macao, To-day.

Macao tennis enthusiasts were yesterday treated to a first class exhibition when the Shanghai Students tennis team, composed of graduates of various Shanghai Universities, met a team from Macao's premier tennis club, the 'Tennis Civil.'

Five games in all were played, three singles and two doubles. The students won four out of five games. Their No. 1. player P. K. Tong lost to L. I. Fong, after a well contested game.

Prior to the match, the visitors were entertained to a tiffin party at the "Restaurante As Delicias." Following the game, tea was served and a dinner concluded their visit in this Colony.

SINGLES

A. H. Mello (Macao).
lost to H. K. Lee .....4—6 & 0—6
L. I. Fong (Macao).
beat P. K. Tong .....6—4 & 7—5
B. Faye (Macao).
lost to D. Choi .....5—7 & 5—7

DOUBLES

J. Boyol & A. Silva (Macao).
lost to H. K. Lee and C. Wei .....7—9 & 1—6
A. Boyol & L. Jorge (Macao).
lost to D. Choi and C. Wei .....8—6 & 1—6

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Partaub Singh (Army).

Reserves. — Lt. Cdr. Kennedy (Navy), Lt. Woods (Navy), R. Marques (Recreio), N. Whitley (Club).

The combination will be seen in action again a H.K.H.A. tournament team on the Club ground at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday.

INTERPORT SOCCER TEAMS AT PRACTICE

A practice game between the selected Interport team and the team to represent the "Rest of the Colony" will be played this afternoon at Causeway Bay, at 5 p.m.

The only object of this practice game is to work up some understanding and combination between the two teams and it will be interesting to see how Fowler shapes on the right-wing with Fung King-cheung, after his long absence from this position.

The following are the teams:

Interport Team:—Tam Kwan-kon (S. China "B"); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A") and Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywell (Navy), Dixon (Navy) and Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"); F. Fowler (Club), Fung King-cheung (S. China "A"), Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A") (Captain), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Ulrich (Kowloon), Riertsen (Kowloon), Beltrao (St. Joseph's) and Gomes (St. Joseph's).

Rest of the Colony:—McAllister (Navy); Ho Yung-sang (Kwong Wah) and Ulrich (Kowloon); Lau Hing-choi (S. China "A"), Beltrao (St. Joseph's) (Captain) and E. L. Strange (Club); Tang Kwong-sum (S. China "A"), Jorge (Kowloon), Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"), Gomes (St. Joseph's) and Riertsen (Kowloon).

SOCONY BEAT SHELL AT BILLIARDS

A friendly billiards match between teams drawn from the Asiatic Petroleum Company and the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. of New York, was held yesterday evening at the Club Lusitano and resulted in a win for Socony by 12 points.

Results were:

"Shell"		"Socony"	
M. M. Silva	14	A. J. Osmund	100
J. C. Remedios	72	A. E. Osmund	100
F. M. Ozorio	100	D. A. Alonco	49
A. J. M. Rodrigues, Jr.	100	P. N. Sequeira	81
J. V. Pereira	100	A. A. Lopes	53
J. J. Remedios	94	A. V. Gosano	100
T. Lindars	51	J. W. Mayhew	100
Cheung Yew Pui	100	Yeung Shuk Ping	73
F. V. Ribeiro	100	C. A. Marques	57
L. G. Pinna	70	E. A. Figueireido	100
Totals	801		813

SPORTSMEN TO WED

A popular young couple will be married on February 16, when Miss P. Esmail, member of a well-known local sporting family, becomes the bride of Mr. K. Hussain, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. Hockey Umpires' Board.

A reception will be held at No. 233 Nathan Road, top floor, the same evening at 9 p.m. No invitations are being issued, but all friends are cordially invited.

ENGLISH RUGBY SELECTORS' REQUEST TO OBOLENSKY

At the request of the English selectors, A. Obolensky appeared on the left wing for Leicester against Richmond on January 27 To permit of this experiment, S. F. Herbert, the Leicester vice-captain, will stand down from the side. Obolensky has been assisting Rosslyn Park.

Although a great success in the final England trial match, Obolensky did not find a place in the team against Wales, the selectors preferring R. H. Guest as the right wing man. If Obolensky can adapt himself to the left wing position he should be assured of a "cap" against Ireland.

Deloford's Great Struggle With Henkel

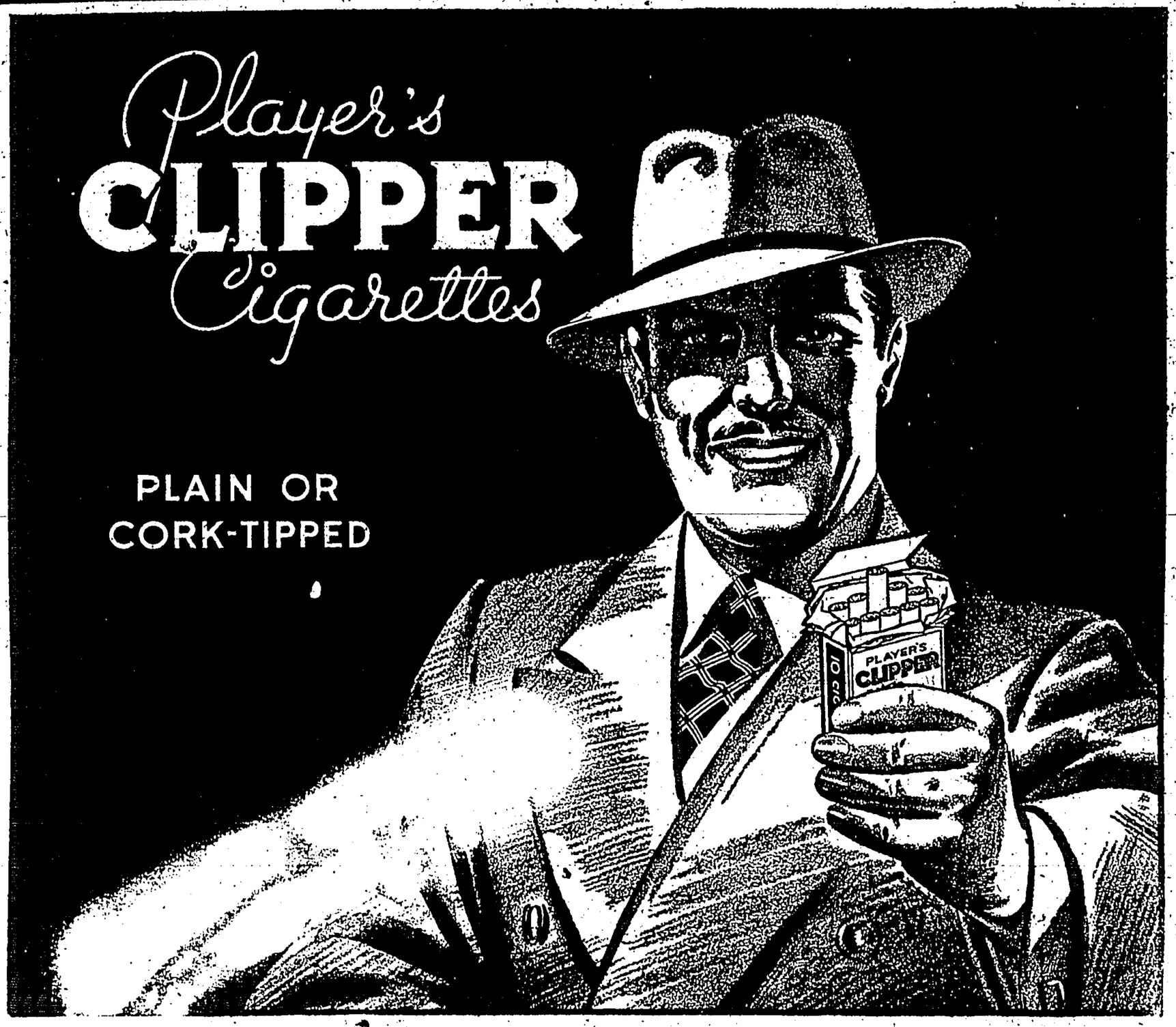
Paris, (By AIR MAIL).—M. D. Deloford, the British lawn tennis player, put up a magnificent struggle against Henner, Henkel, the leading German player, in the second round of the men's single in the French Covered Courts Championships here, and it was only after a gruelling five-set match that he went down, Henkel won by 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 9-11, 6-4.

Partnered by Mme. P. Claude, of France, in the first round of the mixed doubles, Deloford lost to F. Bowden (United States) and Mlle. S. Barbier (France) by 8-6, 1-6. Deloford was obviously tired after his effort against Henkel, and was below his best form.

Deloford deserves all credit for his performance against Henkel, although it should be remembered that the German is not at his best on wooden courts. Nevertheless, Deloford refused to give in, and on many occasions had Henkel in difficulties, both with his shots from the baseline and his clever work at the net.

OWEN-SMITH AND SOUTH AFRICAN TEST TEAM

Johannesburg, (By AIR MAIL).—There is no official confirmation here of the report in London that H. G. Owen-Smith, the England Rugby international and South African Test cricketer, might play for South Africa in the final Test at Durban on March 3.



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F.V. Wong And Choy Play Well In 'Needle' Badminton Match

(By "ADREM")

ST. ANDREW'S "A" MORE THAN CONFIRMED THE FINE IMPRESSION THEY HAVE CREATED IN RECENT LEAGUE BADMINTON MATCHES BY BEATING ONE OF THEIR STRONGEST RIVALS—KOWLOON TONG "A" — ON THE LATTER'S COURT LAST NIGHT.

The winners, who pride themselves on the fine balance in the pairings, received a rude jolt last night when A. E. Brown and W. M. Gillies were never able to settle down and were beaten comparatively easily by all the home pairs.

On the other hand, W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong, who have a leaning towards inconsistency, played really brilliantly to win all their engagements. The latter in particular, who is generally considered the wink link in this combination, played very well indeed. He retrieved some seemingly impossible shots and his accurate short game opened up the way for Choy's devastating smash.

FINE GAME

Choy was right on the top of his form. His clever angling — with beautifully disguised direction—and powerful clearing shots, being a notable feature of his game.

Fincher and Kew, although they won all their games, have only their vast experience and reputation to thank for their success. In at least two games, the home pairs were more than holding their own when they allowed themselves to be overawed by the occasion and evidently feeling they had done enough by extending their august opponents, more or less gave up the ghost as soon as they were led.

Francis Tsang and John Chen, Kowloon Tong's first string, were a disappointment. Their form in the last match against Recreio, when they won three games without much difficulty, had led home supporters to hope for a similar performance on this occasion.

LOST DECIDING GAME

Although they played fairly well, however, they were never the pair that went through the early part of the season without dropping a game and it was their defeat by F. V. Wong and W. C. Choy which virtually decided the match.

While not suggesting for one moment that the ultimate result would have been altered, there is little doubt that had Mackay and Chan, who were playing very well and had a substantial lead over Choy and Wong when Kowloon Tong were being led 4—2, managed to win this game, interest would have been far greater. Peter Lo and Fletcher, in the next game, beat Gillies and Brown and the issue would have been carried to the final game of the evening between the No. 1 pairs of the respective sides with excitement that can be imagined.

ST. ANDREW'S FAVOURITES

Kowloon Tong are now more or less definitely out of the running for premier honours although there is still a remote possibility that they will finish runners-up, their position last season.

I cannot see any team displacing St. Andrew's at the top of the table.

Peter Lo and J. Tsang (K. Tong "A").
lost to W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong ..... 10—21
beat W. M. Gillies and A. E. Brown ..... 21—18
lost to H. Kew and E. F. Fincher ..... 13—21

J. Chen and F. Tsang (K. Tong "A").
lost to Choy and Wong ..... 10—21
beat Gillies and Brown ..... 21—18
lost to Kew and Fincher .... 11—21

N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan (K. Tong "A").
lost to Choy and Wong ..... 12—21
beat Gillies and Brown ..... 21—10
lost to Kew and Fincher .... 10—21

WALK-OVER CONCEDED

Kowloon Tong "B" conceded a walk-over to St. John's in their "B" Division match.

Villa Beat Brentford In Away Match

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS

London, To-day.

Several English and Scottish League and Cup matches were held yesterday, results of which are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION
Brentford 2 Aston Villa 4
SECOND DIVISION
Notts Forest 0 Southampton 2
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Brighton 3 Southend 0
SCOTTISH CUP (2ND ROUND REPLAYS)
Buckie Thistle 4 Blairgowrie 1
Clyde 1 Dundee 0
—Reuter.

Scottish Cup Third Round Draw

London, To-day.

The following is the draw for the Third Round of the Scottish F. A. Cup Competition, which will be played on February 18:

Buckie Thistle v. Third Lanark.
Rangers v. Clyde.
Dunfermline v. Alloa.
Motherwell v. St. Mirren.
Hearts v. Celtic.
Falkirk v. Aberdeen.
Hibernian bye into 4th round.
Queen O'South bye into 4th round.—Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP 1ST ROUND RESULTS

London, To-day.

The following were the results of the First Round of the Rugby League Cup:

Bradford Northern 37 Seaton 7.
Broughton Rangers 5 Wakefield Trinity 5.
Liverpool Stanley 2 St. Helens Recreation 2.—Reuter.

MALAYAN RUGBY TEAM WILL BE STRONGER

The Malayan Rugby Union side to meet Hong Kong next Saturday on the Club ground at 4 p.m. will probably be much stronger than hitherto as I learn that both Dougal Harper, the skipper of the side, and L/Cpl. Richardson, will be fit to play.

G. D. Lundon, who tore a muscle at the back of his leg is a doubtful starter, but the final word in this direction will not be made until the day of the match.

CLUB "A" BEAT SAPPERS IN VERY SCRAPPY RUGBY GAME

A very scrappy Rugby game was witnessed at Happy Valley yesterday when Club "A" beat Royal Engineers by two goals (10 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) after being led by 8 points to 5 at the interval.

J. F. Burford, who has been picked to play for Shanghai in the Colony in the coming Rugby Interport, turned out for Club "A". He hooked fairly well.

Royal Engineers were the first to score through Picton, Lewis converting. The Club replied shortly after when Nelson broke through near the posts for Oliphanto convert. Royal Engineers scored an unconverted try through Davidson before the interval to lead.

Club attacked strongly in the second half, and gained the lead when their stand-off, J. Day, dashed over to score between the posts, Oliphant adding the points.

Royal Engineers:—Lewis; Davidson, Jones, Pike, Picton; Waite, Noutch; Blackman, Brinkley, Hughes, Eouzen, Foley, Cunningham, Apperly and Laird.

Club:—J. T. Brown; K. A. Munro, D. B. Nelson, E. M. Watts, H. van Leeuwen; J. Day; R. Rutherford; R. G. L. Oliphant (Captain), J. F. Burford, W. Stoker; B. O'M. Deane, J. Moodie; K. H. G. White, W. A. Johnson, J. Redmond.

ANOTHER BLOW TO WELSH RUGBY

Idwal Davies Signs Pro. Forms

(By AIR MAIL)

Welsh Rugby has suffered another blow when, following the news of the retirement from international matches of Jenkins, came the announcement that Idwal Davies, the Swansea centre three-quarter, had signed professional forms for the Leeds Rugby League Club.

Davies is the second Welsh international three-quarter to join the Rugby League this season. A. Bassett, of Cardiff, turned professional a fortnight ago.

Davies, who will turn out for Leeds the Rugby League played for Wales against England at Twickenham on January 21. Leeds scouts watched him, and from Twickenham went to Wales to secure the player's signature.

A schoolmaster, aged 22, and a native of Pontardulais, Davies learned his Rugby at Carmarthen College—a training school for schoolmasters—and first played for Swansea about two seasons ago. He held an appointment in London for the first half of the present season, and appeared for London Welsh, but since returned to Swansea. He stands 5 ft 9½ ins, and weighs 11 st 7 lbs.

F.A. CUP 5th ROUND ON SATURDAY

Preston And Huddersfield For Final Again?

(By AIR MAIL)

Preston North End and Huddersfield may fight their F.A. Cup final of last year over again. Both are drawn apart in the Fifth Round which takes place on Saturday, although Huddersfield have the easier task. They entertain the Third Division team Walsall. Preston must travel—either to Newcastle. Preston were "No. 13" in the draw.

The vast Sheffield football public can still entertain hopes of their two premier clubs surviving. The United are rewarded for their gallant ten-men victory on January 21 with a home tie against Grimsby.

Wednesday will go to Stamford Bridge, where Chelsea, London's principal Cup contenders, are riding on the crest of the wave.

IN DOLDRUMS

Lancashire enthusiasts will be in the doldrums; their remaining representatives are all away from home, Everton face grimbattling Birmingham, and Liverpool have a gigantic task in trying to beat off the "Wolves" in their own "den" at Molyneux. Second Division leaders, Blackburn, must appear at Sunderland.

The other tie does not afford much consolation to Londoners. West Ham can have little optimism about a visit to Portsmouth.

The draw for the Fifth Round of the English Cup is as follows:—

Newcastle v. Preston North End.
Portsmouth v. West Ham.
Wolverhampton v. Liverpool.
Sunderland v. Blackburn.
Chelsea v. Wednesday.
Huddersfield Town v. Walsall.
Sheffield United v. Grimsby.
Birmingham v. Everton.

To-day's Wireless

Y.M.C.A. Debate On Z.B.W.

Dance Music And Variety

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Val Rosing (Tenor) and Victor Silvester & His Orchestra.
We're Friends Again—Quickstep; What A Night—Waltz.....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
A Penny In My Pocket (film 'Millions in the Air'); A Little Door, A Little Lock, A Little Key (Harry Woods)....Val Rosing (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Girl You Used To Be — Waltz (film 'Mr. Dodd takes the air').....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Louisiana Fairy Tale (Gillespie & Coots); In A Little Gypsy Tea Room (Leslie & Burke)..... Val Rosing (Tenor) with Orchestra.

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There's Honey On The Moon Tonight—Quickstep; This Is My Night To Dream—Slow Fox-Trot (film 'Doctor Rhythm').....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Film Selections.
"Big Broadcast of 1938"—Selection (Robin-Rainger).....Anton & the Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London, with Al Bollington at the Organ.
"Anything Goes"—Selection (Cole Porter).... Patricia Rossborough (Piano).
"Double Or Nothing"—Selection..... Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal Refrain.
"Broadway Melody of 1936"—Selection; "Curly Top"—Selection .... Reginald Dixon (Organ).
"The Great Ziegfeld"—Selection.... Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal Refrain.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Stravinsky—The Fire-Bird Suite. Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Lover, Come Back To Me ('New Moon' — Romberg); One Kiss ('New Moon'—Romberg); "The King Steps Out"—Medley (Kreisler); Song Of Paradise (King); Serenade (Moussorgsky) ... with Alfredo Campoli (Violin).
7.20 p.m.—Eileen Joyce at the Piano.
Etude De Concert In F Minor (Liszt); Etude De Concert In A Flat Major (Paul De Schlozer); Si Oiseau J'Etais, A Toi Je Volerais (Bird Study—Henselt); En Route (Concert Study—Selim Palmgren); La Danse D'Olaf (Mangiagalli); Prelude In A Flat Major, Op. 23, No. 8 (Rachmaninoff); Prelude In A Minor, Op. 32, No. 8 (Rachmaninoff).
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.
1. Orpheus in the Underworld—Overture (Offenbach).
2. La Crinoline—Gavotte (Willy Ortleb).
Interval
Because (Teschemacher & d'Hardelot).....The Maestro Singers with Piano.
3. Ballet in White (Hanns Loht).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.
4. Invocation (Manno).
Interval
Old Song Memories.....Westminster Ballad Singers.
5. Selections from "The Mikado" (Sullivan).
8.30 p.m. — Relay — The Opening Speeches of the Y.M.C.A. Debate on Z.B.W.'s Programme.
9 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Tales From The Vienna Woods (Strauss); Viennese Singing Birds (Translateur); Jollity On The Mountains (Fetras); Morning Papers (Strauss)....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs'. A talk by The Lord Hailey, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Orchestra.
A Night At The Proms. Intro: Carmen—Prelude to Act 1 (Bizet); Symphony No. 8 in B minor—"The Unfinished" (Schubert); William Tell—Overture (Rossini); Fingal's Cave—Overture; Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Brandenburgh Concerto No. 3 in G (Bach); Merry Wives of Windsor—Overture (Nicolai)....Sir Henry J. Wood Conducting.
10 p.m.—Relay—The Summing Up of the Y.M.C.A. Debate on Z.B.W.'s Programmes.
10.20 p.m.—Dance Music & Variety.
Dance Orch.—Swing, Brothers, Swing—Fox-Trot....Willie Lewis & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Willie Lewis.
Piano—Variations On "Tipperary" (Williams & Judge); Miracles Sometimes Happen (Ray Noble) ....Renara.
Dance Orch.—Condena—Tango; Viejos Tiempos—Tango.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro with Vocal Refrain.
Vocal—Did Your Mother Come From Ireland? (Kennedy-Carr); A Feather In Her Tyrolean Hat (Mills) ...Gracie Fields with Orch.
Dance Orch.—Swing And Sway—Fox-Trot; You're An Education—Quickstep.....The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal & Piano—Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton); Alone At A Table For Two (Richman & Fiorite)....Turner Layton.
Dance Orch.—Sunday In The Park—Fox-Trot (from "Happy Returns"); Shadows On The Moon—Fox-Trot (film 'Girl of the Golden West') ....Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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◇ A Q x x
♣ x x

Neither side was vulnerable, and the bidding went:

Maier	Schenken	You	Burnstone
1♠	2♡	2♠	3♡
4♠	5♡	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. Your raise has been sound and, while you are quite certain that you will be able to defeat the five-heart contract, you do not wish to stop your partner from contracting for five spades if he thinks he can make it. Furthermore, if he doesn't think he can make five spades, he can always double himself.

Score 100% for pass, 70% for double, 30% for five spades (there is no guarantee that your partner can make five spades and you may be taking a loss on a hand where you should have a profit).

Question No. 19.

You and your partner (Howard Schenken) have partial score of 80, neither side vulnerable. You are third hand and hold:

♠ A x x
♡ K x
◇ K x x x x
♣ Q x x

The bidding goes:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♡	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow).

TO-DAY'S HAND

A statement concerning the hand in our December 1 column has elicited so many letters from readers that we are reprinting the hand herewith.

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

North: ♠ A J 2 ♡ A Q 4 2 ◇ A Q J ♣ K Q J
West: ♠ 10 3 ♡ 10 9 ◇ 9 8 5 2 ♣ 8 7 6 4 2
East: ♠ 5 ♡ K 8 6 3 ◇ K 10 7 4 ♣ A 9 5 3
South: ♠ K Q 9 8 7 6 4 ♡ J 7 5 ◇ 6 3 — ♣ 10

The hand was played at the incorrect contract of seven spades (doubled by East). The ten of hearts was opened and Declarer was forced to lose both the heart trick and the Ace of clubs, going down 500 points. In concluding the article, we pointed out that the same opening would have beaten six spades, **"but that no opening could have upset six notrump."**

This statement was not very clear owing to lack of space, and we can well understand many readers' objection to it. What we really meant was that if North knew the location of the cards, he could make six notrump against any defence. Say, for example, that East would make the safe opening of his singleton spade. North would win with the Ace and play the King of clubs. After taking the club King East would return a club and Declarer would cash his two top clubs, discarding a diamond and a heart from dummy. North would now play the Ace of hearts and then run off all of dummy's spades, whereupon this situation would develop:

North: ♠ — ♡ Q ◇ A Q ♣ —
West: ♠ — ♡ 10 ◇ 9 ♣ 8
East: ♠ — ♡ K ◇ K 10 ♣ —
South: ♠ 6 ♡ J ◇ 6 ♣ —

Now the last spade would be played, North would throw the heart Queen and East obviously could not retain the high heart without unguarding the diamond King.

We did state that no opening could have defeated six notrump, and we trust that this explanation prove that that is the case. However, we will admit that North would have had to play the hand on the basis that East held both red Kings, which he might not have been able to visualise. While the statement in our article was inadequate, space did not permit of this long explanation.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"Youth Takes A Fling". The simple wistful, yet powerfully human love story of a Kansas farmboy who dreams of going to sea and the romantic salesgirl who falls in love with him. With Joel McCrea, Andrea Leeds, Frank Jenks, Dorothea Kent, Isabel Jeans and Virginie Grey.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife". When a high spirited, but romantic young French girl discovers that her millionaire American hubby has tossed aside seven previous spouses, she sets out to show him a side of marriage he had not bargained for. An Ernst Lubitsch production with Claudette Colbert, Gary Cooper, David Niven, Edward Everett Horton, Elizabeth Patterson and Herman Bing.

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AT THE KING'S—"The Shopworn Angel", with Margaret Sullavan and James Stewart and Walter Pidgeon—a story of a girl who gave up a million to be a soldier's dream girl.

AT THE STAR—"Moonlight Sonata". Charm is the keynote when Paderewski is the chief charmer. Lothar Mendes, who made a special journey to Paris to persuade Paderewski to appear in the film and who brilliantly produced and directed it deserves the warmest congratulations. The film has been skilfully built round Paderewski and his music. It opens with the pianist giving a recital in a crowded concert hall. He tells the story of a young couple's romance, how it was nearly broken and how his music brought them together again. In the cast are Marie Tempest, Charles Farrel and Barbara Greene.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th. February to SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 6th. February, 1939.

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POLAND MOVES TOWARDS FRENCH SIDE OF FENCE

Berlin, To-day.

What appears to be serious concern at the stiffening of Poland's attitude towards the authoritarian States as a result of President Roosevelt's recent reported remarks, has led to renewed attacks on him in the Nazi press.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" says that a Cracow journal openly occupies itself with the question of renewal of the old friendship of France and Poland.

The Polish journal, says the "Fremdenblatt," is of the opinion that a great impetus has been given to co-operation between them through President Roosevelt's action.

Both the "Fremdenblatt" and the "National Zeitung" assert that President Roosevelt has revived international tension. — Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC VISITS

Warsaw, To-day.

Poland's position in Central Europe will find expression after a series of visits to Warsaw this spring.

It is stated that Count Ciano, on February 25th, will pay a visit to the Polish Foreign Minister, which will be followed, early in March, by a visit of the new Rumanian Foreign Minister, Gefencu, and later by a visit of Count Czacky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister.

The visit of the new Rumanian Foreign Minister, Gefencu, is looked upon as a sign that the Polish-Rumanian Pact is upheld by the new Rumanian Government. —Trans-Ocean.

NETHERLANDS AND FAR EAST DEFENCE PLANS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LT.-COMM. R. T. H. FLETCHER (LABOUR, NUNEATON) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHAT CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN HELD WITH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE MATTERS IN THE FAR EAST.

Mr. Butler replied that beyond the normal interchanges of information on technical points connected with defence matters, which take place between various governments including the Netherlands, there had been no special conversations.—Reuter.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, residing in Repulse Bay Road, has reported two terrier dogs to be missing from his residence since 9 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. C. Millington was treated at the Kowloon Hospital, for injuries to his right wrist, after he had been bitten by a dog owned by Mr. A. Spary, in Kowloon Tong yesterday.

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